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# FOREWORD

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**T**he American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) first published a directory of services in 1926. Since that time our *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada* has become the most important reference and referral resource in the field of blindness and visual impairment. Although the contents and format of the *Directory* have changed over the years to reflect the nature and extent of the services available to blind and visually impaired persons at the time of publication, the purpose of the *Directory* has always been the same: to provide useful, comprehensive information that facilitates the delivery of services to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

This 25th edition of the *Directory* has the same purpose as previous editions and, in that sense, is no different from its predecessors. However, it differs dramatically from previous editions in that it is the first edition to appear in both print and electronic forms. Accompanying this printed book is a CD-ROM containing the same information, designed to be accessible with adaptive equipment, thus making the contents of the *Directory* available simultaneously to users who can read print

and to users who cannot. In providing access to information to sighted and visually impaired readers alike, this *Directory* stands as a mark of AFB's continuing efforts to improve information and service delivery to blind and visually impaired persons and those who live and work with them.

Readers will find that the *Directory* continues to be organized for ease of use and still contains a remarkably wide range of services divided into clear categories that can be readily understood. Subject and organization indexes are also included as quick reference tools that help users find what they are looking for rapidly.

A reference work as comprehensive as this *Directory* requires the participation of many individuals and AFB staff in several departments. There are many to acknowledge and thank. AFB Press, the publishing arm of AFB, plays the central role in organizing and producing the *Directory of Services*. Barry Katzen, director, Natalie Hilzen, editor in chief, Stephanie Biagioli, marketing assistant, and Carol Wallace, executive secretary, deserve special credit, as do Irene DePonti, Beatrice Jacinto, John Lucas, and Albert Scé, who worked with the publications staff on gathering

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descriptions they provide. Without them, there would be no *Directory*.

Carl R. Augusto  
*President*  
*American Foundation for the Blind*

# HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY AND FIND SERVICES

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**T**he American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)'s *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada* is a broad-based compilation of schools, agencies, organizations, and programs in the governmental and private, non-profit sectors that provide a wide variety of direct and indirect services, information, and other assistance to blind and visually impaired children and adults, their families, and professionals who work with them. Organized information on producers and distributors of alternate media, adapted devices, and other products useful to individuals who are blind or visually impaired are also included. A listing in the *Directory*, which is based on information supplied by the listee, does not imply endorsement or evaluation by AFB.

Evaluative information about an organization may sometimes be obtained by consulting local and state medical societies; health and welfare councils; Better Business Bureaus; the National Charities Information Bureau; university, school, medical, and rehabilitation accrediting bodies; or the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). A

list of agencies and schools accredited by NAC at the time the *Directory* went to press appears at the end of this section.

## **Sections of the Directory**

The *Directory* has separate sections for U.S. and Canadian services. Agencies and organizations have been listed according to whether they provide services to a local area, state, or province or on a national basis. The *Directory* has the following main sections:

1. "A Brief Overview of Major Federal Programs," a concise description of U.S. and Canadian legislative initiatives.
2. A comprehensive subject index that divides all entries into subject categories and lists them alphabetically within categories. One section of this index lists entries for the United States; another section lists entries for Canada.
3. Geographical listings arranged state by state (including U.S. territories) for the United States in one section, and province by province (including territories) for Canada in a separate section. Agencies in these listings generally provide services with-

in their local area or state. In addition, state and provincial listings in this *Directory* contain cross-references to federal agencies and national organizations and the addresses and telephone numbers of local, state, and regional offices of national organizations.

4. Federal agency listings and listings of agencies and organizations that provide services and information nationally. Federal agencies, national organizations, and national consumer and professional membership organizations appear in one section for the United States and in a separate section for Canada.
5. Suppliers of braille, tape, large-print, and disk formats and manufacturers and distributors of adapted products and devices for people who are blind or visually impaired that provide services on a national basis. Listings for these organizations and companies appear in one section for the United States and in a separate section for Canada.
6. An alphabetical organization index containing all entries and separating them by alphabetical letter. One section of this index



lists entries for the United States; another section lists entries for Canada.

This *Directory* has been designed to help readers find information quickly and easily. It therefore contains two separate indexes and a number of sections separated into easy-to-locate categories. There are essentially three ways to locate an organization or service:

1. *By alphabetical order.* Consult the Organization Index at the back of the book. This index contains all entries listed alphabetically.
2. *By service category.* Consult the Subject Index at the front of the book. This index contains all entries divided into categories of services.
3. *By geographical location.* Consult the State or Provincial Listings for local, state, and regional services, or the sections listing national organizations for services delivered on a national basis. (However, when trying to locate services, keep in mind that some local agencies and organizations—for example, producers of braille and other media—may provide services beyond their local area.)

### State and Provincial Listings

State and Provincial Listings are divided as follows (unless otherwise noted, all listings are in alphabetical order):

*Educational Services:* state or provincial services; programs for early intervention coordination; schools; infant and preschool programs; statewide outreach services; instructional materials centers; and university training programs.

*Information Services:* libraries; talking book machine distributors; media production services; radio reading; phone-in newspapers; and sources of information and referrals. Cross-references to national listings (that is, to agencies, organizations, or companies that are geographically located in a given state or province but that provide national services) appear at the end of Information Services.

Many local, state, and regional offices of national organizations appear alphabetically in State or Provincial Listings under the category of Information and Referral.

*Rehabilitation Services:* state or provincial services (including cities, addresses, and telephone numbers of the local offices of state or provincial agencies); local private rehabilitation agencies; computer training centers; and dog guide schools.

*Low Vision Services:* state or provincial ophthalmological and optometric societies (appearing in that order); low vision clinics and centers.

*Aging Services:* For the United States, state units on aging; independent living programs funded by Title VII, Part C of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

### Abbreviations

In the interests of space, a number of abbreviations are used in listings. Although some agencies have used abbreviations for services that are unique to their programs, many of the abbreviations are commonly known. The following abbreviations appear:

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

ADL (activities of daily living)

AER (Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired)

CMV (cytomegalovirus)

CCTV (closed-circuit television)

Est. (established)

HIV / AIDS (human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome)

GED (general equivalency diploma)

IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

IEP (Individualized Education Program)

IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan)

Inc. (incorporated)

K (kindergarten)

LEA (local education agency)

OCR (optical character recognition)

TDD (telecommunication device for deaf and hearing impaired persons)

TTY (teletype for deaf and hearing impaired persons)

URL (universal resource locator)

Y (yes)

No directory is ever completely up to date or perfect. As this book went to press, U.S. federal legislation was being reauthorized in Congress, and funding and service patterns in many sectors were undergoing change. In addition, many areas in the United States, such as California, were undergoing and will continue to experience extensive area code changes. Some of the information listed in this book will change as a result.

Readers should also keep in mind that many organizations such as state ophthalmological societies and membership organizations change their addresses and phone numbers annually, as their presidents or heads change. In such cases, attempts to find the service can be made through following forwarding at the previous listing; contacting the national organization, if any, affiliated with the local branch; or checking with local directory assistance.

Because of the constantly shifting nature of the data gathered for this *Directory*, AFB welcomes suggestions for corrections, deletions, and new listings. Such information should be sent in writing only to AFB Press, American Foundation for the Blind, 11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300, New York, NY 10001.

### ***Members, National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped***

The date accompanying each name for the organizations in the following listing represents the year through which accreditation has been awarded.

#### **Alabama**

Services for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children and Adults of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (1998)

#### **Arizona**

Foundation for Blind Children (1998)  
Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (1997)

#### **Arkansas**

Lions World Services for the Blind (1999)

#### **California**

Center for the Partially Sighted (1998)  
Society for the Blind (1998)

#### **Florida**

Center for the Visually Impaired (1998)  
Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind (1997)  
Division of Blind Services (1999)  
Florida Association of Workers for the Blind (Miami Lighthouse) (1998)  
Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (1998)  
Fort Lauderdale Lighthouse for the Blind (1999)  
Independence for the Blind (2001)  
Lighthouse for the Blind of Pasco and Hernando (2000)  
Mana-Sota Lighthouse for the Blind (1997)  
Pinellas Center for the Visually Impaired (1999)  
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind (1997)  
Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida (1998)

#### **Georgia**

Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia (2001)  
Center for the Visually Impaired (1997)  
Georgia Academy for the Blind (1998)  
Savannah Association for the Blind (1999)

#### **Hawaii**

Ho'opono Services for the Blind  
Hawaii Department of Human Services (1997)

#### **Illinois**

Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (2001)  
Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation (2001)  
Philip J. Rock Center and School (1999)

#### **Indiana**

Indiana School for the Blind (2000)

#### **Iowa**

Genesis Vision Rehabilitation Institute (2000)

#### **Kansas**

Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind (2000)

#### **Maine**

Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (1997)

#### **Maryland**

Maryland School for the Blind (1997)

#### **Michigan**

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (1999)  
Upshaw Institute for the Blind (2001)  
Visually Impaired Center (1998)

#### **Minnesota**

Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind (1998)

#### **Missouri**

Alphapointe Association for the Blind (1997)

#### **New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Association for the Blind (1999)

#### **New York**

Association for the Visually Impaired (2000)  
Blind Association of Western New York (1997)  
Catholic Guild for the Blind (1997)  
Programs for the Visually Impaired/New York Institute for Special Education (1999)

#### **North Dakota**

North Dakota School for the Blind (1997)

#### **Ohio**

Cincinnati Association for the Blind (2000)  
The Clovernook Center/Opportunities for the Blind (2001)



The Greater Akron Low Vision  
Clinic (1997)  
The Toledo Society for the Blind  
(1998)  
Vision Center of Central Ohio  
(1999)

**Oklahoma**

Parkview School (2001)  
Visual Services Division (1998)

**Pennsylvania**

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the  
Blind (1998) (now known as  
Pittsburgh Vision Services)

Pittsburgh Blind Association (1997)  
(now known as Pittsburgh Vision  
Services)  
Susquehanna Association for the  
Blind and Vision Impaired (1997)

**South Dakota**

South Dakota School for the  
Visually Handicapped (1999)

**Tennessee**

Alliance for the Blind and Visually  
Impaired (1999)  
Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind  
(1997)  
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries  
(1998)

**Texas**

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind  
(1999)

**Utah**

Utah School for the Blind (2001)

**Washington**

Lighthouse for the Blind, Seattle  
(1997)

**Canada**

Centre for Sight  
Enhancement/University of  
Waterloo (1999)



# A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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**B**oth the United States and Canada have undertaken important federal initiatives in regard to persons who are blind or visually impaired or who have other disabilities. On July 26, 1990, President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark piece of legislation, into law in the United States. On September 6, 1991, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced the National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities, a major five-year effort involving all levels of government and business, labor, community, and other groups in bringing persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society.

## **Key U.S. Legislation**

The basic principles of disability policy in the United States are contained in the ADA (P.L. 101-336), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (P.L. 94-142, as amended). Policies and programs authorized by these laws do not provide a seamless transition through education, employment, health care, and civil rights for people with disabilities. However, each one of these laws

does provide important basic rights in each of those areas, and, when viewed in combination with the Social Security Act's disability insurance program, the Supplemental Security Income program, and Medicare and Medicaid programs, the laws provide the basis for integration of people who are blind or visually impaired into the mainstream of this country's social, political, and economic life.

The ADA is the most far-reaching civil rights legislation ever enacted in the history of disability policy in the United States. Prior to its enactment, federal nondiscrimination policy regarding persons with disabilities related only to programs receiving federal funds or employment by federal agencies. The ADA extends those policies to almost every segment of society. Discrimination against people with disabilities is prohibited in employment (Title I), state and local government services (Title II), transportation (Title II), public accommodations (Title III), and telecommunications services (Title IV). The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) were written by the Architectural and Transportation Barrier's Compliance Board (Access Board).

The ADA was intended to pro-

vide a clear national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against people with disabilities and to address the major areas of discrimination faced day to day by disabled individuals. What does it mean to people who are blind or visually impaired? It can mean that they have the same fair chance for consideration for employment that anyone else has, provided that they can perform the essential functions of the job, with or without a reasonable accommodation, and the employer is among those covered by the act. It also means that they should have the same fair chance to be considered for promotion and training by the employer once they are employed. It means that state and local government agencies cannot exclude them from participating in government services, programs, or other activities. And it means that the operator of a public transit system has the obligation to provide schedules and information in an accessible format for them. In a place of public accommodation like a motel, restaurant, movie theater, or doctor's office, policies must provide for a means of effective communication with the customer or recipient of services who is disabled.

The ADA provides a much more comprehensive list of circumstances and areas covered than those mentioned in this brief overview, and this *Directory* lists the governmental units that can provide additional information and are responsible for regulating and enforcing the ADA (see U.S. Federal Agencies listings and the table accompanying this discussion).

The authority for training and finding employment for people with mental, physical, and sensory disabilities is provided by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Training and employment services are provided through a federal-state partnership. Services for people who are blind or visually impaired are provided in many states through a separate state vocational rehabilitation agency for blind persons. In addition, the act, as amended in 1992, provides for independent living services for older blind persons, electronic equipment accessibility, employment with the federal government, and operation and funding of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

IDEA, a central piece of legislation relating to the education of persons with disabilities, was intended to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education. The major components of IDEA are basic state formula grants to cover excess costs of special education and related services to children with disabilities; preschool state grants that are separate allotments to states to encourage services to preschool children with disabilities; and early intervention state grants to provide services for infants and toddlers and their families. IDEA provides for

discretionary grant programs like services to deaf-blind children and youths, technology development, personnel preparation, and descriptive video and captioning. It also provides authority for funding programs of financial assistance to state agencies for programs to meet the special education needs of children with disabilities in state-operated or state-supported schools in this country.

### **Other Legislation**

A wide variety of additional legislation provides for significant rights and programs for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

The Fair Housing Act of 1988 prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of private dwellings. The act does not cover discrimination in public housing. Title II of the ADA covers dwellings owned by state or local governments. The disability provisions of the Fair Housing Act do not supersede state laws or local ordinances that afford individuals with disabilities greater protection against housing discrimination. In addition to the Fair Housing Act, the Social Security Act contains provisions of great import to individuals with disabilities. As amended, the Act authorizes the Supplemental Security Income and the Social Security Disability Insurance programs.

Access to telecommunications equipment and services, an issue of increasing consequence in today's information age, is dealt with in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which amends the Communications Act of 1934. The act provides that manufacturers of telecommunications equipment or customer premises equipment and telecommunications service

providers ensure that the equipment is accessible to and usable by people with disabilities, if readily achievable.

Library services, vital resources related to literacy, are covered by the Pratt-Smoot Act, which provides for books for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Services are provided through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. P.L. 89-522 extended the availability of these services to individuals with disabilities who, because of their disability, are unable to handle standard printed material.

In the area of copyright, P.L. 104-97 allows authorized entities to reproduce or distribute copies or phono records of previously published nondramatic or literary works in specialized formats exclusively for use by blind or other persons with disabilities. Mailing privileges are another important right that has been extended, specifically through the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which provides for free mailing matter for blind and other disabled persons.

Transportation, a vital activity that is part of daily life, is covered in part by the Air Carrier Access Act (P.L. 99-435), which prohibits discrimination against any otherwise qualified disabled individual in the provision of air transportation. In addition, the Federal Transit Act establishes a formula assistance program that makes federal resources available to urban and rural areas. Urban area assistance may be for mass transit planning, capital, and operating assistance. The federal share may also be used for projects devoted to enhancing the accessibility and mobility of elderly individuals and people with disabilities.



The Vending Facility Program for Persons Who Are Blind was instituted by the Randolph-Sheppard Act (P.L. 74-732, as amended). This act provides persons who are blind with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal and other property. Amendments to the act assured persons who are blind a "priority" in the operation of vending facilities.

### **Canadian Programs**

The National Strategy for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities was announced in 1991. The goals of this five-year national initiative were equal access, economic integration, and effective participation intended to bring persons with disabilities into the social and economic mainstream of Canadian life. The strategy involved ten federal departments and agencies working together on a wide range of activities with disabled persons, other levels of government, and the private and nongovernmental sectors to resolve such issues as access to employment, training, housing, communications, transportation, public sensitivity, and community integration.

Other important initiatives in Canada were the enactment of the Canadian Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination, the inclusion of persons with a physical or mental disability in the wording of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982 to afford such persons the equal protection and benefit of the law, and the passage into law in 1992 of the Omnibus Bill to guarantee a large number of specific rights. Key legislation also includes the Employment Equity Act, passed in

1986, the Canada Assistance Plan of 1966, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act of 1977, and the National Training Act of 1982.

In addition to the federal agencies and programs in the Canadian Federal Agencies listings, the following information relates to federal structures in Canada.

### **Office for Disability Issues Human Resources Development Canada**

The Office for Disability Issues is responsible for coordinating the government's overall strategy regarding persons with disabilities as well as carrying out activities specific to its mandate.

*For further information: (819) 997-2412 (voice and TDD)*

### **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation addresses the housing requirements of persons with disabilities.

*For further information: (613) 748-2000*

### **National Library of Canada**

The National Library of Canada has developed and implemented technology and services that improve communications for persons with disabilities.

*For further information: (613) 995-3904*

### **Health Canada**

Health Canada assists in the integration of persons with disabilities through its health programs, and with provinces and territories in their provision of health and social programs.

*For further information: (613) 957-2991*

### **Justice Canada**

Justice Canada reviews federal legislation that affects persons with disabilities to identify existing legislative barriers to the full social and economic integration of disabled persons.

*For further information: (613) 952-4222 or TDD (613) 992-4556*

### **Transport Canada**

Transport Canada improves access to transportation by providing financial incentives to industry to encourage the use of equipment and devices that would enhance accessibility.

*For further information: (613) 991-6407*

### **Canadian Transportation Agency**

The Canadian Transportation Agency introduces regulations required to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities.

*For further information: (819) 953-2749*

### **Treasury Board of Canada**

The Treasury Board of Canada seeks to achieve equal employment and advancement opportunities for persons with disabilities.

*For further information: (613) 952-2870*

### **Canadian Human Rights Commission**

The Canadian Human Rights Commission seeks to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities and to monitor prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability.

*For further information: (613) 995-1151 or TTY (613) 996-5211*

## Technical Assistance for Laws Affecting Individuals with Disabilities

Agency	Type of Assistance	Telephone	TDD
Americans with Disabilities Act: Title I Employment			
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	ADA documents	(800) 669-3362	(800) 800- 3302
	ADA questions	(800) 669-4000	
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers	(800) 949-4232	(800) 522-4369
President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities	Job Accommodation Network	(800) 526-7234	(800) 526-7234
	ADA Work Line	(800) 232-9675	
National Council on Disability	Technical Assistance	(202) 272-2004	(202) 272-2074
Americans with Disabilities Act: Title II State and Local Governments; Title III Public Accommodations			
Department of Justice	ADA documents; technical assistance	(800) 514-0301	(800) 514-0383
		(202) 514-0301	(202) 514-0383
Department of Transportation	ADA documents; general questions	(202) 366-1656	
	Legal questions	(202) 366-1936	
	Complaints and enforcement	(202) 366-2285	(202) 366-0153
	Public transportation in general	(800) 527-8279	
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers	(800) 949-4232	
National Council on Disability	Technical assistance	(202) 272-2004	(202) 272-2074
Americans with Disabilities Act: ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)			
Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board	ADA documents and questions	(800) 872-2253 (202) 272-5434	(202) 272-5449
Americans with Disabilities Act: Title IV Telecommunications			
Federal Communications Commission	ADA documents; general questions	(202) 418-0200	(202) 418-2555
	Complaints and enforcement	(202) 632-7553	(202) 418-0484
Other Federal Laws			
Internal Revenue Tax Code: Internal Revenue Service	Information	(800) 829-1040	
	To order publication 907, <i>Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities</i>	(800) 829-3676 (202) 622-3110	(800) 829-4059
Fair Housing Act Amendments: Department of Housing and Urban Development	Technical assistance concerning accessibility standards that apply to privately owned residential facilities	(800) 795-7915	(800) 927-9275
Air Carrier Access Act: Department of Transportation	Technical assistance concerning air transportation accessibility standards	(202) 366-4859 (202) 366-9306	(202) 755-7687
	Complaints and enforcement	(202) 366-2220	(202) 755-7687
Hearing Aid Compatibility Act: Federal Communications Commission	Technical assistance concerning telephone accessibility standards	(202) 634-1808	(202) 632-0484
Telecommunications Act of 1996: Federal Communications Commission	Information	(202) 857-3800	
Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Program: U.S. Postal Service Customer Response	Information	(202) 268-2284	
		(202) 268-6575	
Rehabilitation Act (Section 503): Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs	Information on antidiscrimination protection for qualified individuals with disabilities by federal contractors	(202) 219-9475	
Rehabilitation Act: National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems	Information on the Client Assistance Program	(202) 408-9514	(202) 408-9521



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# UNITED STATES

## ◆ Educational Services

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# UNITED STATES

## STATE LISTINGS





# ALABAMA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Alabama State Department of Education

50 North Ripley Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
(334) 242-8114 or toll-free in  
Alabama (800) 392-8020  
FAX: (334) 242-9192  
Dr. Ed Richardson, Superintendent  
Bill East, Special Education  
Services

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state workshops or technical assistance to individual programs.

**Funded by:** IDEA funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30AM-5:00PM.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Educational:** Free appropriate public education for students 3-21 years who meet state eligibility requirements.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Alabama's Early Intervention System

#### Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

2129 East South Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL 36111  
(334) 281-8780, ext. 398  
FAX: (334) 613-3494  
Ouida G. Holder, Part H  
Coordinator

Social work services; family training, counseling and home visits; assistive technology;

evaluation and assessment; speech-language pathology; physical therapy; service coordination.

### SCHOOLS

#### Alabama School for the Blind Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

705 East South Street  
P.O. Box 698  
Talladega, AL 35161  
(205) 761-3259  
FAX: (205) 761-3362  
E-mail: nstep@aidb.state.al.us  
Dr. Joseph F. Busta, President,  
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind  
Noel E. Stephens, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Talladega County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, mentally retarded, and orthopedically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** State appropriations.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30AM-4:00PM.

**Staff:** 91 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1867.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-96: 128 on campus; 885 in Instructional Resource Center for the Blind.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired (20/70 or less acuity).

**Area Served:** Alabama.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Audiology, speech, physical therapy, general medical services. contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; referral to community services. Provides

consultation with other agencies as needed.

**Educational:** K-12 curriculum; general academic; vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** In-service.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Residential facilities available for students.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; computer keyboarding skills; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Extended day programs; swimming; track; wrestling. Summer camp for public school students.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Full-service clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids available for loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and Blind

8901 Airport Boulevard  
Mobile, AL 36608-9503  
(334) 633-0241  
FAX: (334) 633-9951  
Mary Lou Casey, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public school.

**County/District Where Located:** Mobile County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, and learning disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Mobile County public schools; state of Alabama.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-3:30 PM.

**Staff:** 16 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Students in 1992: 105.

**Eligibility:** Public school student; resident of Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Washington or Escambia County.

**Area Served:** Southwest Alabama with center in Mobile County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5-21 years.

**Health:** Audiology therapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school; training. Counselor on staff.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

**Preschools:** 0-5 as referred by state plan. Contact school directly—Mary Lou Casey.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling. Contracts for other

employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

205 East South Street

P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35161

(205) 761-3206

FAX: (205) 761-3352

Terry Graham, Director, Office of Health, Evaluation, and Outreach  
Lynn Hannez, Director of Institutional Relations

**County/District Where Located:** Talladega County.

**Assessment:** Multidisciplinary; comprehensive assessments as well as IEP activities.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Available to schools and school systems.

**Direct Service:** Technical assistance and other services available to schools, school systems, and other agencies.

**Parent Assistance:** Counseling and instruction.

**Materials Production:** Instructional and other materials.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Alabama Instructional Resource Center

P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35161

(205) 761-3262

FAX: (205) 761-3337

E-mail: tlacy@aidb.al.state.us

Teresa Lacy, Director

Mike Jones, Assistant Director

**Area Served:** Alabama.

**Groups Served:** Newborns—adults.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Braille, large-print, and recorded textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large-print; tape.

**Title Listings:** None available.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Talladega College

Rehabilitation and Special

Education Department

Talladega, AL 35160

(205) 362-0206

FAX: (205) 761-6379

Dr. Elaine Sebera, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Talladega County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate program in blind rehabilitation.

### University of Alabama at Birmingham

Department of Leadership, Special

Education and Foundations

Education Building

Birmingham, AL 35294

(205) 934-4892

FAX: (205) 975-7581

Dr. Mary Jean Sanspree,  
Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate programs for teachers of the visually handicapped.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

**Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

6030 Monticello Drive



Montgomery, AL 36130  
 (334) 213-3906 or toll-free in  
 Alabama (800) 392-5671 or TDD  
 (334) 213-3900  
 FAX: (334) 213-3993  
 E-mail: fzaleski@apls.state.al.  
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Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

**Type of Agency:** State library.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Montgomery County.

**Mission:** To provide personalized  
 and efficient library services in  
 accessible format for persons with  
 qualifying disabilities.

**Funded by:** Federal and state  
 funds.

**Budget:** FY1996: \$296,070.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8.

**History/Date:** Est. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,184.

**Eligibility:** Inability to use  
 standard print material due to  
 physical disability.

**Area Served:** Alabama.

**Reading:** Recreational reading and  
 basic reference.

**Low Vision:** Catalogs of products  
 for persons with low vision;  
 vertical files containing materials  
 of special interest to persons with  
 low vision.

Regional library of the Library of  
 Congress providing braille, talking  
 books and machines, tapes, and  
 tape cassette machines.

#### **Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Houston-Love Memorial Library  
 P.O. Box 1369  
 Dothan, AL 36302  
 (334) 793-9767 or TDD (334) 793-  
 9767  
 FAX: (334) 793-6645  
 Linda Ruffner, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Huntsville Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

P.O. Box 443  
 Huntsville, AL 35804  
 (205) 532-5980  
 FAX: (205) 532-5994  
 Joyce L. Smith, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Library and Resource Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Alabama Institute for Deaf and  
 Blind  
 705 East South Street  
 P.O. Box 698  
 Talladega, AL 35161  
 (205) 761-3287 or toll-free in  
 Alabama (205) 761-3288  
 FAX: (205) 761-3337  
 Teresa Lacy, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Public Library of Anniston and  
 Calhoun County  
 P.O. Box 308  
 Anniston, AL 36202  
 (205) 237-8501  
 FAX: (205) 238-0474  
 Deenie M. Culver, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Tuscaloosa Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Tuscaloosa Public Library  
 1801 River Road  
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
 (205) 345-3994 or TDD (205) 345-  
 3994  
 FAX: (205) 752-8300  
 Barbara B. Jordan, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

#### **Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

6030 Monticello Drive  
 Montgomery, AL 36130  
 (334) 213-3906  
 FAX: (334) 213-3993  
 E-mail: fzaleski@apls.state.al.  
 us

Fara Zaleski, Regional Librarian

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Montgomery County.

**Area Served:** Alabama.

**Groups Served:** Preschool-senior  
 citizens.

**Types/Content:** Recreational  
 reading and basic reference.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
 books on records or cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Subject listings  
 printed at no charge.

#### **Barrett School**

7605 Division Avenue  
 Birmingham, AL 35206  
 (205) 836-7173  
 Ann M. Connelly, Resource  
 Teacher for Visually Impaired  
 Students

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Jefferson County.

**Area Served:** Birmingham city  
 schools.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-  
 print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
 available.

#### **Library and Resource Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35161  
(205) 761-3287  
FAX: (205) 761-3337  
E-mail: tlacy@aidb.state.al.us  
Teresa Lacy, Director  
Martha Thompson, Reader  
Advisor

**Area Served:** Talladega, St. Clair,  
and Coosa Counties.

**Types/Content:** Recreational;  
career/vocational; religious;  
leisure reading.

**Media Formats:** Braille books;  
talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

### **Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and Blind**

8901 Airport Boulevard  
Mobile, AL 36608  
(334) 633-0241 or (334) 633-0323  
FAX: (334) 633-9951  
Mary Lou Casey, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Mobile County.

**Area Served:** Mobile County  
public schools. Resource: Baldwin,  
Clarke, Escambia, Washington  
Counties in southwest Alabama.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books/cassettes, large print  
books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

### **RADIO READING**

#### **Alabama Radio Reading Service Network**

650 11th Street South  
Birmingham, AL 35294  
(205) 934-6576  
FAX: (205) 975-6061  
Charles Ewing, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Jefferson County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-  
12:00 noon; Sun. 12:00 noon-  
4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978 (WBHM-  
Birmingham).

**Area Served:** Three-quarters of  
Alabama.

#### **WLRH Radio**

4701 University Drive N.W.  
Huntsville, AL 35899  
(205) 895-9574  
Scott Passmore, Volunteer Corp  
Reading Service  
Cheryl Carlson, Director of  
Underwriting and Business  
Support

**County/District Where Located:**  
Madison County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
6:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** 50-mile radius from  
Huntsville.

#### **WTSU Radio Reading Service**

207 Montgomery Street  
Bell Building, Suite 1125  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
(334) 241-9574  
John McVay, Station Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Montgomery County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM; broadcast:  
10AM-12noon; rebroadcast  
afternoon and evening hours.

**Area Served:** Coosa County to  
Tallapoosa County, Alabama;  
Columbus, Georgia; and northern  
panhandle of Florida.

#### **WUAL Radio Reading Service**

P.O. Box 870370  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0370  
(205) 348-6644  
Betty Jobe, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Tuscaloosa County.

**Funded by:** Private donations;  
University of Alabama.

**Hours of Operation:** Broadcast 24  
hrs per day; local broadcast  
2:00PM-4:00PM weekdays.

**Staff:** Volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** West Alabama.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Volunteer Information Resource Center**

P.O. Box 2388  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662  
(205) 381-1110  
Jill Murphy, Rehabilitation Teacher

**Mission:** To enable Alabama's  
adults and children with  
disabilities to achieve their  
maximum potential.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Career counseling.

**Reading:** Independent living  
skills.

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Alabama Division of Rehabilitation Services**

2129 East South Boulevard  
P.O. Box 11586  
Montgomery, AL 36111-0586  
(334) 281-8780  
Lamona Lucas, Director, Services  
to the Blind and Deaf  
James G. Harris III, Supervisor,  
Services to the Blind and Deaf

**Type of Agency:** State.



**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery.

**Mission:** To enable Alabama children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

**Funded by:** State appropriation.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Provides taped and brailled materials.

**Staff:** 63 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,729.

**Eligibility:** Varies according to different programs. Vocational Rehabilitation Program—a mental or physical disability that creates a substantial barrier to employment and that will require vocational rehabilitation services. OASIS program for older blind persons—an impairment that affects the performance of daily activities.

**Area Served:** State of Alabama.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Minimum age 16 years.

**Health:** Refers for all health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, and other multiply disabled persons. Programs for college prep; vocational skill development.

**Preschools:** Early intervention program serves children 0-2 years of age; serves all disabilities.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term and summer training.

**Residential:** Contracts with Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind for residential programming.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Exams.

**Low Vision Aids:** Purchased by program.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Andalusia:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 807 Eighth Avenue, Andalusia, AL 36420-2199, (334) 222-4114.

**Anniston:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 1105 Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, AL 36201-4799, (205) 231-1025.

**Auburn:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 1104 Haley Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-3501, (334) 826-4475.

**Bessemer:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 308, Bessemer, AL 35021-0308, (205) 426-1294.

**Decatur:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1686, Decatur, AL 35602-1686, (205) 353-2754.

**Dothan:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Drawer 698, Dothan, AL 36302-0698, (334) 792-0022.

**Gasden:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 1100 George Wallace Drive, Gasden, AL 35999-6501, (205) 547-6974.

**Homewood:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 236 Goodwin Crest Drive, Homewood, AL 35219-0888, (205) 290-4400.

**Huntsville:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 407 Governors Drive, S.W., Huntsville, AL 35804-0405, (205) 536-6621.

**Mobile:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 2419 Gordon Smith Drive, Mobile, AL 36617-2395, (334) 479-8611.

**Montgomery:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 2127 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36199-3801, (334) 288-0220.

**Muscle Shoals:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 2388, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-2388, (205) 381-1110.

**Opelika:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 510 West Thomason Circle, Opelika, AL 36801-5499, (334) 749-1259.

**Selma:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, P.O. Box 1097, Selma, AL 36701-1097, (205) 872-8422.

**Talladega:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, #4 Medical Office Park, Talladega, AL 35160-2296, (205) 362-1300.

**Troy:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 518 East Parklane Shopping Center, Troy, AL 36081, (334) 566-2491.

**Tuscaloosa:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, 922 Fifth Avenue, East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-2084, (205) 554-1300.

#### **REHABILITATION**

##### **Alabama Industries for the Blind Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

1241 McClellan Avenue  
P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35161

(205) 761-3510 or (205) 761-3513

FAX: (205) 761-3477

Billy Sparkman, General Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Talladega County.

**Employment:** Employs blind and deaf adults in a sheltered

workshop and in one satellite operation.

**Local Offices:**

**Birmingham:** Industries for the Blind, Satellite Workshop, 220 34th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35212, (205) 252-3164, (205) 252-3957, FAX (205) 323-5897.

**Central Alabama Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center**

2125 East South Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL 36116-2454  
(344) 288-0240  
FAX: (334) 288-7171  
J. Larry Johnson, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Mission:** To provide quality programs and services to enable people with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

**Funded by:** Fees and contributions.

**Budget:** \$1,800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-4:30PM.

**Staff:** 60 full time/volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,700 annually.

**Eligibility:** Must have sponsorship.

**Area Served:** 11 counties: Montgomery, Elmore, Autauga, Macon, Lowndes, Crenshaw, Pike, Barbour, Conecuh, Coosa, Butler.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** No age requirements.

**Health:** Audiology; occupational, physical and speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; counseling; individual, group. Placement in school and

training. Referral to community services.

**Educational:** Tutor services for grades 1 through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; all other multiply handicapped. General academic programs; college preparatory; high school equivalency.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; rehabilitation counseling; physical, speech and occupational therapy. In-service training programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Easter Seals Occupational Rehabilitation Center**

1616 Sixth Avenue South  
Birmingham, AL 35233  
(205) 939-5800  
FAX: (205) 939-5849  
Richard Hinson, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** To develop, deliver and manage vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities to maximize their potential.

**Funded by:** Third party sponsorship; fee for service.

**Budget:** \$ 1.4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 32 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60 average daily attendance.

**Area Served:** Jefferson, Shelby, Walker Counties. Other geographical areas upon request.

**Age Requirements:** Over 16 years.

**Health:** Clients in need of medical services are referred to appropriate agency.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, couple counseling; training placement; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** K through 12th grade; adult basic education; general academic; vocational/skill development. Accepts persons who are deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, multiply disabled, physically disabled, or alcohol/drug abusers.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Affiliated with University of Alabama; University of Alabama in Birmingham; Auburn University; Talladega College. Regular in-service training programs.

**Rehabilitation:** CARF-accredited vocational evaluations, work adjustment training, job readiness training, job placement, and job skill clerical training.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** CARF-accredited training.

**Low Vision:** Referral to low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Voice synthesizer for computers; JAWS software; Kurzweil Voice for Windows.



**E.H. Gentry Technical Facility  
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

205 East South Street  
P.O. Box 698  
Talladega, AL 35161  
(205) 761-3402  
FAX: (205) 761-3450  
Jim Hare, Dean

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and deaf persons.

**Funded by:** State appropriation; fees; workshop sales; sub-contracts.

**Budget:** \$3,600,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 92 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:** 450 annually.

**Eligibility:** Must meet requirements of State Vocational Rehabilitation Service or U.S. Department of Veterans and be sponsored by State Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** At least 16 years old.

**Health:** Audiology therapy; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts, refers for, and provides consultation to other agencies on other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Area secondary students; post-secondary and college preparatory; accepts deaf-blind, deaf, and blind. Programs

for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development; technical training and evaluation.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education; vocational rehabilitation. Has regular in-service training programs open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Recreational:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; vending stand training. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Five campuses are located in Talladega, Alabama. Regional centers are located in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Auburn, Mobile, Muscle Shoals, Montgomery, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa.

**Mobile Association for the Blind**

2440 Gordon Smith Drive  
Mobile, AL 36617  
(334) 473-3585  
FAX: (334) 470-8622  
Mahlon P. McCracken, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Mobile County.

**Mission:** Operates a sheltered workshop for visually impaired and deaf blind persons. Provides training in orientation and mobility, activities of daily living, recreation, and communication for visually impaired adults.

**Funded by:** Public funds, United Way, workshop sales, and sub-contracts.

**Budget:** \$2.2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 35.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926 and Inc. 1932.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 450.

**Eligibility:** Determined by Adult Vocational Rehabilitation Service and/or Mobile Consortium-Private Industry Council (depending upon services client is seeking and agency applying through).

**Area Served:** Mobile, Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Escambia, Monroe, and Washington counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16-65 years of age.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Offers individual counseling. Refers for group and family counseling and social work services.

**Educational:** Programs for skill development, job search.

**Reading:** Reading services provided through volunteers.

**Rehabilitation:** Work adjustment training; activities of daily living; mobility; communication skills for all disabilities; braille; typing.

**Employment:** Sheltered employment. Job coaches for on-the-job training.

**Computer Training:** Special software.

**Low Vision:** Limited staff assessments.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided free of charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided by rehabilitation teachers.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs.

**Local Offices:**

**Mobile:** Better Employability Skills Training Plus Program, 521 Bayshore Avenue, Mobile, AL 36617, (334) 476-5881.

**Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center  
700 South 19th Street  
Birmingham, AL 35233  
(205) 933-8101  
Y.C. Parris, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services Programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

**Workshops, Inc.**

4244 Third Avenue, South  
Birmingham, AL 35222  
(205) 592-9683  
FAX: (205) 592-9687  
J. E. Crim, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Provides services to blind and visually impaired persons and all other persons with disabilities.

**Funded by:** Public funds, Community Chest, workshop sales.

**History/Date:** Est. 1955.

**Area Served:** Birmingham, Jefferson County, northern Alabama, and Shelby County.

**Employment:** Prevocational training; sheltered workshops.

**COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

**E.H. Gentry Technical Facility**  
P.O. Box 698  
Talladega, AL 35161  
(205) 761-3404  
FAX: (205) 761-3450  
Beauford Watson, Director,  
Vocational Training

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Technical assistance in modification and set-up.

**Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center**

VA Medical Center  
700 South 19th Street  
Birmingham, AL 35233  
(205) 933-8101, ext. 6994  
FAX: (205) 933-4484  
B.C. Starkson, Supervisor

**Computer Training:** Braille and voice access systems; optical character recognition systems.

**♦ Low Vision Services**

**EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology**

500 Robert Jemison Road  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
(205) 942-7888  
FAX: (205) 942-7882  
Tonya Burnett, Executive Director

**Alabama Optometric Association, Inc.**

400 South Union Street  
Suite 435  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
(334) 834-1057  
FAX: (334) 834-1691  
Virginia O. Campbell, CAE,  
Executive Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS**

**Center for Visual Independence Eye Foundation Hospital**

1201 11th Avenue South  
Birmingham, AL 35205  
(205) 933-2625 or (205) 930-4700  
FAX: (205) 558-2553  
Jessica Lambert, Low Vision Specialist/Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Funded by:** Client fees, Vocational Rehabilitation Service, and Alabama Sight (Lions Club funds).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.- Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist, low vision director.

**Area Served:** United States, but primarily Alabama.

**Educational:** Referrals provided.

**Preschools:** Referrals provided.

**Reading:** Assistance provided.

**Rehabilitation:** Assistance provided.



**Employment:** Assistance provided.

**Low Vision:** Assistance provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

**Local Offices:**

**Huntsville:** Center for Visual Independence Eye Foundation Hospital, 204 Lowe, S.E., Suite 4, Huntsville, AL 35801, (205) 539-8851.

**Montgomery:** Center for Visual Independence Eye Foundation Hospital, 303 South Ripley, Suite 5900, Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 263-0105.

**Liz Moore Low Vision Center**

50 Medical Park Drive, East Birmingham, AL 35235  
(205) 838-3162

FAX: (205) 838-3515

E-mail: msanspree@icare.opt.uab.edu

Mary Jean Sanspree, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit, community education, information and referral, and training center.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** To provide support for persons with low visual acuity within Alabama and the southeastern United States.

**Funded by:** Eastern Health System, Inc., East End Memorial Foundation, private donors.

**Budget:** \$200,000 (hospital support). Various private grants and foundation funds available.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1991.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000 per year.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment, blindness and/or referral from physicians, social workers, or rehabilitation agencies.

**Area Served:** Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Referrals from physicians.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals for counseling,

social work. Assistance with classes and referrals for ADL. Monthly support group meetings.

**Educational:** Teacher training stipends, parent training, family education, community education. Summer "chill out" camp for children ages 2-14 years.

**Preschools:** Parent education, information and referral services.

**Professional Training:** Teacher training stipends in blindness and deaf-blindness. Video library available for check-out.

**Reading:** Resource room for use of closed circuit television, video education, and other educational opportunities. Weekly radio show "Low Vision and You" on statewide radio reading service for the blind.

**Residential:** none.

**Rehabilitation:** Through Outpatient Occupational Therapy Department and state rehabilitation offices.

**Recreational:** Golf school, adapted art tours at Birmingham Museum of Art, Helen Keller Art show for Alabama and National shows.

**Employment:** Assistance with job accommodations.

**Computer Training:** Referrals to rehabilitation and employment training programs.

**Low Vision:** Training with ADLs and low vision devices.

Community and consumer education. Information and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Referral for prescriptions and evaluations.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Training with low vision devices; support groups.

**University of Alabama at Birmingham/The Medical Center School of Optometry**

**Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic**

1716 University Boulevard  
Birmingham, AL 35294-0010  
(205) 934-2625 or (205) 934-3086  
FAX: (205) 934-0911

Rodney W. Nowakowski, O.D., Ph.D., Director, Ocular Disease and Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** State University, Medical Center, School of Optometry.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Teaching and patient care.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds; registration fees and material fees.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-12 noon, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrists, ophthalmologist, optometric technicians.

**Eligibility:** No restrictions.

**Area Served:** No restrictions.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive evaluation and treatment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial period; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By appointment within 3 weeks to 6 months.

Referrals made for other appropriate services.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Commission on Aging**

770 Washington Avenue

Suite 470

Montgomery, AL 36130

(334) 242-5743 or Information &

Referral in state: (800) 243-5463

FAX: (334) 242-5594

Martha Murph Beck, Executive  
Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Department of Rehabilitation Services**

P.O. Box 11586

Montgomery, AL 36111-0586

(334) 281-8780 or (800) 441-7607

FAX: (334) 281-1973

Lamona Lucas, Commissioner  
Rita Houston, Project Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# ALASKA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Alaska Department of Education

801 West Tenth Street, #200

Goldbelt Building

Juneau, AK 99801-1894

(907) 465-2970

FAX: (907) 465-3396

Dr. Shirley Holloway,

Commissioner

Myra Howe, Director, Office of Special Services

**Mission:** Administers special educational programs through the Division of Education Program Support.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$8 million.

**Area Served:** Alaska.

For further information, consult the director of Education Program Support or the administrator of the Office for Exceptional Children. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention Program Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

1231 Gambell Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 269-3400

FAX: (907) 269-3465

Jane Atuk, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

The State Infant Learning Program funds an itinerant consulting program for blind and visually impaired children, birth-3 years,

and their families. Works with local early intervention programs to develop appropriate Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs).

### SCHOOLS

#### Special Education Services Agency

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 562-7372

FAX: (907) 562-0545

E-mail: [sesa@sesa.org](mailto:sesa@sesa.org)

URL: <http://www.sesa.org>

Ron Jones, Program Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 80.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired. Students must be referred by district Special Education Director.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Educational:** Ages 3-21. Accepts deaf-blind, mentally retarded; other multiply disabled students. Special blind program. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skills development; parent-infant education. Itinerant staff delivers on-site services statewide to all local districts.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in student's home and community; sensory training.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling. Refers for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies. Prevocational evaluation.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Special Education Services Agency

#### Infant Learning Program

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 562-7372

FAX: (907) 562-0545

E-mail: [sesa@sesa.org](mailto:sesa@sesa.org)

URL: <http://www.sesa.org>

Julie Smith, Program Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-4:30PM.

**Staff:** 4 certified staff - full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 80.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, with or without additional disabilities.

**Area Served:** Alaska.

**Age Requirements:** 0-3 years.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; parent and teacher training. Consultant services to other programs.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Special Education Services Agency

2217 East Tudor Road

Suite 1

Anchorage, AK 99507  
 (907) 562-7372  
 FAX: (907) 562-0545  
 E-mail: bmciver@sesa.org  
 William McIver, Specialist for  
 Blind and Visually Impaired

**Area Served:** Alaska.

**Groups Served:** Birth-21; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Consultation in education of the visually impaired.

**Title Listings:** Provided at no charge.

Provides technical assistance, training, and consultation to school districts with students who are visually impaired.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Alaska State Library Talking Book Center**

344 West Third Avenue  
 Suite 125

Anchorage, AK 99501  
 (907) 269-6575

FAX: (907) 269-6580

Pat Meek, Library Assistant

Regional library for the blind and physically handicapped and distributor of talking book machines.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### **ATLA Adaptive Materials Center**

2217 East Tudor #5  
 Anchorage, AK 99507

(907) 563-2599

FAX: (907) 563-0699

E-mail: atla@alaska.net

URL: <http://www.alaska.net/~atla>

Cindy Davis, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide adaptive materials to people with special needs on a fee for service basis.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$96,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri.  
 9:30 AM-5:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1996.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Educational:** Provides adaptive materials to schools for students with special needs.

### RADIO READING

#### **A.I.R.R.E.S. Radio Reading Service**

1102 West International Airport Road

Anchorage, AK 99518

(907) 563-2121

FAX: (907) 562-5951

Lynn Koral, Program Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Alaska Affiliate**

P.O. Box 22016  
 Juneau, AK 99802

(907) 586-2493

Norma Jean McCorcle, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1016 West Sixth

Suite 105

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 274-5630

FAX: (907) 274-5605

E-mail: dfrench@educ.state.ak.us

Duane French, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Alaska.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; vocational training and placement; vending stand training.

**Computer Training:** Training in accessible technology.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Anchorage:** Counseling and Evaluation Center, 3600 South Bragaw, Anchorage, AK 99508, (907) 561-4466.

**Bethel:** P.O. Box 1507, Bethel, AK 99559-1507, (907) 543-4444.

**Fairbanks:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 751 Old Richardson Highway, Suite 102, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 451-6261.

**Juneau:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 9085 Glacier Highway, Suite 102, Juneau, AK 99801-8033, (907) 465-8943.

**Kenai:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 145 Main Street Loop, Suite 143, Kenai, AK 99611-7755, (907) 283-3133.



**Ketchikan:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Tongass Commercial Center, Suite 220-A, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-6655.

**Kodiak:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 305 Center Street, Suite 5, Kodiak, AK 99615, (907) 486-5787.

**Kotzebue:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 129, Kotzebue, AK 99752, (907) 442-3884.

**Sitka:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 700 Katlian, Suite F, Sitka, AK 99835, (907) 747-4788.

**Wasilla:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 867 West Commercial Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654-6937, (907) 352-2545.

## REHABILITATION

### Center for Blind Adults

3903 Taft Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
(907) 248-7770  
FAX: (907) 248-7517  
Joe Pattison, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Services to help the adult student become independent and self-sufficient.

**Funded by:** State and federal rehabilitation funds and other contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Alaska.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Professional Training:** Typing, computers.

**Residential:** Residential training facility for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent travel; braille reading/writing; home economics; physical

education; computers; communications.

**Recreational:** Activities to aid in rehabilitation and reintegration of blind individuals to society.

**Employment:** Job placement assistance.

**Computer Training:** Training provided on talking computers and calculators.

**Low Vision Aids:** Screenings provided.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Center for Blind Adults

3903 Taft Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
(907) 248-7770  
FAX: (907) 248-7517  
James King, Rehabilitation Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Alaska Optometric Association

1345 West Ninth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
(907) 272-2557  
Maynard Falconer, Executive Director

### Alaska State Ophthalmological Society

North 161 Binkley  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
(907) 262-4462 or (907) 262-1033  
FAX: (907) 262-3914  
Peter E. Cannava, M.D., President

## ◆ Aging Services

## STATE UNITS ON AGING

### Division of Senior Services Alaska Department of Administration

3601 C Street, #310  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 563-5654 or (800) 478-9996  
FAX: (907) 562-3040  
Connie Sipe, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

801 West 10th Street  
Suite 200  
Juneau, AK 99801-1894  
(907) 465-2814 or (800) 478-2815  
FAX: (907) 465-2856  
Duane M. French, Director  
E. J. Reeder, Program Coordinator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# ARIZONA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Exceptional Student Services Arizona Department of Education

1535 West Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-3184  
FAX: (602) 542-5404  
E-mail: klund@mail.1.ade.state.  
az.us  
URL: <http://www.ade.state.az.us>  
Dr. Kathryn A. Lund, State  
Director of Exceptional Student  
Services  
Dr. Lynn Busenbark, Preschool  
Project Specialist, (602) 542-3587  
Dr. Julie Williams, Director of State  
and Federal Programs  
**Type of Agency:** State.  
**Mission:** Provides consultation on  
educational services for visually  
impaired students. Administers  
state funds available for blind  
children in public schools.  
**Funded by:** Public funds.  
**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM-  
5:00PM.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1961.  
**Area Served:** Arizona.

Contact the Director of Exceptional  
Student Services for information  
about programs in local schools.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Governor's Interagency  
Coordinating Council on Infants  
and Toddlers**  
**Arizona Department of  
Economic Security**  
P.O. Box 6123, 801-A-6

Phoenix, AZ 85005  
(602) 542-5577  
FAX: (602) 542-5552  
E-mail: azeip@aztec.asu.edu  
Diane Renne, Ed.D., Executive  
Director

Coordination of multi-agency  
service system for infants and  
toddlers.

### SCHOOLS

#### Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

1200 West Speedway Boulevard  
P.O. Box 87010  
Tucson, AZ 85754  
(520) 770-3738  
FAX: (520) 770-3711  
Dr. Lynne Albright, Principal,  
School for the Blind  
Dr. Wilbur Lewis, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public.  
**Mission:** To provide quality,  
individualized programs for  
students who are blind or visually  
impaired.  
**Funded by:** State appropriation  
with some Federal funds.  
**Hours of Operation:** Office hours:  
Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.  
**Staff:** Educational staff: 30;  
residential staff: 50; vocational/  
physical education staff: 12.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1912.  
**Number of Clients Served:** 1996-  
97: 110.

**Eligibility:** School age students  
with visual impairments whose  
needs cannot be met in a district  
program.  
**Area Served:** State of Arizona.  
Out-of-state students accepted on  
tuition basis.

**Transportation:** Y.  
**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.  
**Health:** Audiology; speech  
therapy; occupational and physical  
therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Psychological testing and  
evaluation; individual, group,  
counseling; refers for other  
counseling/social work services.  
**Educational:** Grades K through 12;  
college prep; general academic;  
vocational skill development;  
activities of daily living;  
orientation/mobility; independent  
living program; parent outreach  
program.

**Preschools:** See listing under  
preschool.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship/fieldwork placement in  
orientation/mobility;  
rehabilitation counseling; special  
education. Regular in-service  
training programs, open to  
enrollment from other agencies.

**Residential:** Provides 24-hr.  
residential programming to  
students outside of day  
transportation area. All students  
within 125 miles travel home each  
weekend. All students return  
home during designated school  
break periods.

**Rehabilitation:** Students assigned  
rehabilitation counselor from State  
Blind Services as a part of  
Individual Transition Plan  
beginning at 14 years of age.

**Recreational:** Extracurricular  
activities: clubs, outdoor education  
program, swimming, and chorus.  
Athletics: football, volleyball,  
basketball, wrestling, track and  
field, Special Olympics, and other  
special sports.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluation; career and skill  
counseling; occupational skill  
development. Refers and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Full array of  
computer education using  
technology which allows large-  
print, braille, and auditory output.



**Low Vision:** Evaluation, training and follow-up.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids available for loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Foundation for Blind Children**

1235 E. Harmont Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
(602) 331-1470  
FAX: (602) 678-5819  
E-mail: tompkins@netzone.com  
URL: <http://www.the-fbc.org>  
Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** Services for blind and visually impaired; multiply disabled blind.

**Funded by:** United Way, government grants and contracts, fees for service, donations, and contributions.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 70. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,400.

**Eligibility:** Any child or adult with a vision loss; Arizona resident.

**Area Served:** Arizona.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21 years.

**Health:** Contracts for audiology; physical, occupational and speech therapy for young children.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for young children and school age children, families, groups.

**Educational:** Grades preschool through 12 and nongraded. Serves blind and visually impaired,

multiply disabled blind persons. Operates cooperative preschool classes for blind and visually impaired and multiply disabled blind persons. Designated state depository for instructional materials for public and private schools.

**Preschools:** 10 month specialized preschool programs - 2 locations. 12 month, home-based infant program, and birth to 3 years.

**Professional Training:** Internships/fieldwork in special education/visually impaired. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Equipment available. Materials in braille, large print, supplemental media. Teaching tools and other materials available.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; communications. Conducts summer independent living program; prevocational counseling.

**Recreational:** Provides summer programs for blind and multiply disabled preschoolers; summer program for school age children.

**Employment:** Job development and job training.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology training.

### **Local Offices:**

**Chandler:** 191 West Oakland, Chandler, AZ 85224, (602) 963-9298.

### **Rio Salado Community College**

2323 West Fourteenth Street  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
(602) 517-8000  
FAX: (602) 517-8579  
Erin Smith, Coordinator for Disabilities, Services and Resources  
Linda Thor, President

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** Services for homebound individuals.

**Eligibility:** All are eligible.

**Educational:** Interactive classes via telephone on SUNDIAL teleconference system.

**Computer Training:** Internet classes; adaptive equipment available at campus lab sites.

## **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

### **Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Visually Impaired Preschoolers Program**

1200 West Speedway Boulevard  
P.O. Box 87010  
Tucson, AZ 85754  
(520) 770-3002  
FAX: (520) 770-3759  
Susan Greer, Services Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State; day preschool; infant outreach program.

**Mission:** Committed to looking at the whole child as a child first, who happens to have a visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Part H; private donations; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (center-based program). Flexible for outreach program.

**Staff:** 11.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 40-50 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired or multiply disabled.

**Area Served:** Statewide for infant outreach; Phoenix & Tucson for center based programs.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Low vision and initial ophthalmological examinations.

Refers to other services for medical care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent education and support groups. Also refers to other agencies.

**Educational:** All aspects of infant, toddler, and preschool activities with disability-specific emphasis.

**Preschools:** Classroom for visually impaired and multiply disabled.

**Reading:** Prebraille; braille; low vision materials.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; visual development; auditory/sensory training.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision assessments.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Flagstaff:** 2501 North 4th Street, Suite 20, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, (520) 774-0665.

**Phoenix:** Foundation for Blind Children, 1235 East Harmont Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85020, (602) 331-1470.

#### **Cooperative Preschool for Visually Handicapped**

1235 East Harmont Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
(602) 331-1470

FAX: (602) 678-5819

E-mail: [tompkins@netzone.com](mailto:tompkins@netzone.com)

URL: [http://www.the\\_fbc.org](http://www.the_fbc.org)  
Elaine Baldrige, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** Services to visually impaired and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** United Way, public and private contracts, Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-2:30 PM (children); Fri. 9:00 AM-2:30 PM (infants).

**Staff:** 75. Includes administrator, teachers, paraprofessionals, family counselors (psychologist, attorney, pediatrician available on consultant basis). Orientation/mobility specialists, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, rehabilitation teachers, and librarian available to program. Uses volunteers.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200.

**Eligibility:** Any child with a visual loss, with or without multiple disabilities.

**Area Served:** Maricopa County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth-6.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; other health services available on referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling; financial assistance.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program with center component for infants; classrooms with home teaching component for infants and toddlers who are visually impaired, multiply disabled, or deaf-blind.

**Preschools:** Consultation to preschools when children are placed out of the center.

**Professional Training:** Workshops and in-service training for staff.

Outreach (satellite) programs set up with school districts as needed.

#### **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

##### **Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

1200 West Speedway Boulevard  
P.O. Box 87010

Tucson, AZ 85754  
(520) 770-3600  
FAX: (520) 770-3759  
Dennis Russell, Director

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Located at:** Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through 22 years.

**Assessment:** Developmental transdisciplinary assessments available.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Consultation with preschool programs serving visually impaired children.

**Direct Service:** Through regional services program, and regional cooperative programs.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent education and counseling available.

**Professional Training:** Inservice training for teachers of the visually impaired.

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

##### **Arizona Instructional Resource Center**

1235 East Harmont Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
(602) 678-5816

FAX: (602) 678-5819

E-mail: [durre@enuxsa.esa.asu.edu](mailto:durre@enuxsa.esa.asu.edu)

Ingrborg K. Durre, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** K-12 (including age 21).

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational reading material; literary material.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.



## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### University of Arizona

College of Education  
Department of Special Education  
Tucson, AZ 85721  
(520) 621-0945  
FAX: (520) 621-3821  
E-mail: jerin@u.arizona.edu  
Dr. Jane Erin, Visually Handicapped  
Dr. Irene Topor, Orientation and Mobility  
Dr. Stephanie MacFarland, Deaf-Blindness

**County/District Where Located:** Pima County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, educational specialist, and doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind students and for orientation and mobility specialists.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library

1030 North 32nd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 255-5578 or toll-free in Arizona (800) 255-5578  
FAX: (602) 255-4312  
E-mail: btbl@dlapr.lib.az.us  
URL: <http://www.dlapr.lib.az.us>  
Linda A. Montgomery, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Regional library.

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** To provide books, magazines and other library resources in alternate formats for all Arizona residents whose visual or physical disabilities prevent the

use of conventional print materials.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants; state funds.

**Budget:** \$700,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible.

**Staff:** 19.5.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 11,000.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or experiencing an organic learning disability.

**Area Served:** Arizona.

Regional library providing disks, braille, and cassettes. Distributes talking books and tapes. Tapes locally requested material on cassettes.

#### Prescott Talking Book Library

215 East Goodwin Street  
Prescott, AZ 86303  
(520) 445-8110  
FAX: (520) 445-1851  
Jill North, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### Special Needs Center Phoenix Public Library

1221 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(602) 261-8690  
FAX: (602) 534-4520  
Cynthia Holt, Special Needs Center Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Municipal.

**Mission:** Information and library services.

**Funded by:** City of Phoenix funds for the Phoenix public library system.

**Staff:** 5.1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Eligibility:** Maricopa County residents with disabilities.

**Area Served:** Maricopa County.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Educational:** Library services; readers advisory; reference services.

**Reading:** Talking book records/tapes; braille books/magazines; transcriptions; large-print books; video print enlarger; computers with synthetic speech; screen readers; Kurzweil personal reader. Internet access on PC with assistive technology. Internet and Dial-IN access to the library's catalog.

**Computer Training:** Training in the use of the center's equipment.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library

1030 North 32nd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 255-5578 or outside 602 area code (800) 255-5578  
FAX: (602) 255-4312  
E-mail: btbl@dlapr.lib.az.us  
URL: <http://www.dlapr.lib.az.us>  
Linda A. Montgomery, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Area Served:** Arizona.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, informational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes; braille.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

#### Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Southeast Regional Cooperative  
P.O. Box 87010

Tucson, AZ 85754  
(520) 770-3757  
FAX: (520) 770-3782  
E-mail: sercoop@flash.net  
Geri Nelson, Supervisor

**Area Served:** Southeastern Arizona.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; educational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Foundation for Blind Children**  
1235 E. Harmont Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
(602) 331-1470  
FAX: (602) 678-5819  
E-mail: tompkins@netzone.com  
URL: <http://www.the-fbc.org>  
Chris Tompkins, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Area Served:** Arizona.

**Groups Served:** Children and youths from birth through high school.

**Types/Content:** Education, counseling, technology, media, recreational, career/vocational, early intervention.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

9449 North 99th Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85345  
(602) 977-6020  
Robert J. Briscoe, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

3627 East Indian School Road  
Suite 108  
Phoenix, AZ 85018  
(602) 468-9144  
FAX: (602) 553-0226  
Marsha Mulcahy, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### **RADIO READING**

#### **Sun Sounds Radio Reading Service**

3124 East Roosevelt Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 231-0500  
FAX: (602) 220-9335  
E-mail: pasco@rio.maricopa.edu  
Bill Pasco, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Funded by:** Grants, donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day.

**Staff:** 17.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** State of Arizona.

**Age Requirements:** None.

#### **Sun Sounds Radio Reading Service**

7290 East Broadway  
Suite K  
Tucson, AZ 85710  
(520) 296-2400  
Mitzi Tharin, Station Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Pima County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Tucson.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Arizona Affiliate**

423 East Fairmont Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282-3720  
(602) 894-0712  
Jackie Olsen, Contact Person  
Marvin Freeman, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

#### **STATE SERVICES**

##### **Rehabilitation Services**

##### **Administration**

##### **Arizona Department of Economic Security**

1789 West Jefferson Street (930A)  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-6289 or toll-free in Arizona (800) 563-1221  
FAX: (602) 542-3778  
E-mail: azsbvi@cirs.org  
Ed House, Section Manager

**Type of Agency:** State, a division of the Department of Economic Security.

**Mission:** To empower individuals with disabilities to achieve increased independence and/or gainful employment through the provision of quality services.

**Funded by:** Federal, state, and local funding.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible.

**Staff:** 91 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 2,400.



**Eligibility:** Varies with individual program.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Mostly adults.

**Health:** Sight conservation program, eye examinations, treatment, and eyeglasses for low-income persons. Contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts and/or refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Transition rehabilitation program.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation; counseling; teaching.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players and related equipment and accessories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; communication skills, home management, orientation and mobility.

**Recreational:** By referral.

**Employment:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Business Enterprise Program, and Industries for the Blind program.

**Computer Training:** As part of vocational rehabilitation program.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids and training available.

**Local Offices:**

**Cottonwood:** 1645 East Cottonwood Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326, (520) 634-0063.

**Flagstaff:** RSA Region III (Coconino, Apache, LaPaz, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai Counties), 1510 South Riordan Ranch Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (602) 779-4147.

**Glendale:** AZRSA, 4425 West Olive, Glendale, AZ 85302, (602) 842-1125.

**Mesa:** AZRSA, 225 East Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85210, (602) 962-7516.

**Phoenix:** RSA Region I (Maricopa, Gila, Pinal, and Yuma Counties), 1430 East Indian School Road, Suite 205, Phoenix, AZ 85014, (602) 255-5641.

**Phoenix:** Rehabilitation Instructional Services, 4620 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016, (602) 266-9286.

**Prescott:** AZRSA, 1555 Ironsprings Road, Prescott, AZ 86302, (520) 445-6432.

**Scottsdale:** AZRSA, 10900 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, (602) 948-3819.

**Tucson:** Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 100 North Stone, Suite 500B, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 629-0225.

**Tucson:** RSA Region II (Pima, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties), 400 West Congress, Suite 420, Tucson, AZ 85701, (602) 628-6810.

**Yuma:** AZRSA, 1310 South Third Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364, (520) 329-9462.

## REHABILITATION

### Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

3100 East Roosevelt Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 273-7411

FAX: (602) 273-7410

Jim La May, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** Services for persons who are visually impaired, 18 years of age and older.

**Funded by:** Contributions, fund raising, sub-contracts, United Way.

**Budget:** \$ 800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 19 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,800.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; doctor's statement.

**Area Served:** Arizona.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years of age or older.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Speakers' bureau.

**Professional Training:** Internships available.

**Reading:** Volunteer reading services.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; beep ball; skiing. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology program.

**Low Vision:** Functional assessments and clinical examinations; referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training with variety of vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Local Offices:**

**Mesa:** 247 North McDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201, (602) 273-7411.

**Peoria:** Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 9451 North 99th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345, (602) 273-7411.

**Scottsdale:** 7375 East 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 273-7411.

**Arizona Industries for the Blind**

3013 West Lincoln Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85009  
(602) 269-5131

FAX: (602) 269-9462  
Donald H. Peterson, General Manager

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** To assist physically disabled adults (primarily those who are legally blind) to obtain their maximum level of vocational functioning and/or earned income by providing rehabilitation services and employment opportunities.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, state appropriations, sub-contracts, fund raising, and State Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Budget:** \$6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 45.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300 annually.

**Eligibility:** Physically disabled adults (primarily legally blind).

**Area Served:** Maricopa County.

**Age Requirements:** Adults.

**Health:** Eye exams.

**Rehabilitation:** Work adjustment; job placement and development.

**Employment:** Vocational/prevocational evaluation and training; work adjustment/experience; job development/placement; follow-up; industrial workshop; work activities center.

**Computer Training:** Technology assessment.

**Local Offices:**

**Phoenix:** HANDILAB: 3122 West Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016, (602) 956-3451.

**Phoenix:** Lighting Distribution Center, 36 North 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85005, (602) 447-8272.

**Phoenix:** AIB, 1702 West Camelback Road, Suite 7, Phoenix, AZ 85015.

**Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center**

VA Medical Center  
360 South Sixth Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85723  
(520) 629-4643

Joseph J. Hennessey, Director

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic. See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

**Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

3767 East Grant Road  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
(520) 795-1331  
FAX: (520) 795-1331  
E-mail: tabvi@azstarnet.com  
Gene Luini, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Pima County.

**Mission:** TAB is committed to providing dynamic and progressive programs and services to meet the rehabilitation and social needs of individuals with vision loss; promoting individuals to become active participants in determining their success; and raising public awareness through community involvement and establishment of partnerships with others.

**Funded by:** Fees charged for services contracted by state of Arizona; contributions; bequests.

**Budget:** \$ 800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM; special evening and weekend activities.

**Program Accessibility:** The facility and all programs are accessible to persons with disabilities.

**Staff:** 24 full-time, 7 part-time. Extensive use of volunteers.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 900 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Southern Arizona.

**Age Requirements:** 14 years or older.

**Health:** Refers for all health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; group and individual counseling; social work. Information and referral.

**Educational:** Scholarship program for visually impaired post-secondary students.

**Reading:** Lends talking book machines and provides referrals for adaptive reading resources: braille books; large-print books; braille magazines and books;



recorded magazines. Staffs a document conversion unit which provides transcription of braille; braille copying; reader service.

**Residential:** For Arizona residents in vocational rehabilitation programs. Short-term residential programs available.

**Rehabilitation:** Classes and training to promote emotional adjustment, consumer education and advocacy, and independent living skills. Group and individual training in home and personal management, to include braille, cooking, handwriting, adaptive aids, orientation and mobility; mentor program, counseling, outreach and referrals to community resources; rehabilitation, adjustment and employment services for developmentally disabled. Offers some social/recreational programs, job development, employment and technology services.

**Recreational:** Limited center-based programs and services directed toward participation in community activities.

**Employment:** Operates NIB switchboard contract at V.A. Medical Center, limited but individualized work adjustment services and extensive job development/job placement services.

**Computer Training:** Operates adaptive technology center offering individualized training in both screen reading and large-print programs.

**Low Vision:** Provides low vision education course prior to a clinical low vision evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Referrals.

Private, non-profit independent living center.

### **Yuma Center for the Visually Impaired**

2770 South Avenue B  
Yuma, AZ 85364  
(520) 726-1310  
Cal Roberts, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Yuma County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired and multihandicapped.

**Funded by:** Contracts, Community Chest, and fundraising.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired or multihandicapped.

**Transportation:** Y.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

1200 West Speedway Boulevard  
P.O. Box 87010  
Tucson, AZ 85754  
(520) 770-3667  
FAX: (520) 770-3752  
E-mail: asdblrc@azstarnet.com  
URL: <http://www.azstarnet.com/~asdbhs>  
Carlton T. Wiens, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; computer operating systems.

#### **Tucson Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

3767 East Grant Road  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
(520) 795-1331  
FAX: (520) 795-1331  
Mimi Marsh, Director of Rehabilitation

**County/District Where Located:** Pima County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Document conversion services: braille, large print, audio cassettes.

## **♦ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Arizona Ophthalmological Society**

810 West Bethany Home Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
(602) 246-6053  
FAX: (602) 242-6283  
URL: <http://www.armadoc.com>  
Patrice Hand, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

#### **Arizona Optometric Association**

3625 North 16th Street, Suite 125  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
(602) 279-0055  
FAX: (602) 264-6356  
E-mail: azoa@aol.com  
Alvin Levin, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **Low Vision Facility of Boswell Eye Institute**

10541 West Thunderbird Boulevard  
Sun City, AZ 85351  
(602) 933-3402  
FAX: (602) 972-5014  
Albert L. Rhoades, M.D.

**County/District Where Located:** Maricopa County.

**Mission:** To assist visually impaired persons with optical and nonoptical aids; to help them cope with their visual impairment; to refer to local support agencies for assistance.

**Funded by:** Client fees and community grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Tue. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Thurs. 9:00 PM - 1:00 PM; Fri. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; ophthalmologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 200 annually.

**Eligibility:** Referral by ophthalmologist; current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Through local support groups.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed; purchased at local optical shops.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; support group.

### **St. Joseph's Low Vision Services**

350 North Wilmot  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 721-3862  
FAX: (520) 750-5062  
Tom Gagen, Senior Vice President / Administrator, St. Joseph's Hospital  
Janet Dylla, Program Coordinator, Regional Eye Center / Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Pima County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM by appointment.

**Staff:** Vision specialist; psychologists; rehabilitation counselor; optician consultant.

**Area Served:** Southern Arizona, northern Sonora, Mexico.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Low vision support group.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells and lends; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Aging and Adult Administration Arizona Department of Economic Security**

1789 West Jefferson Street  
#950A  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-4446 or Medigap  
Information and Referral  
(800) 432-4040  
FAX: (602) 542-6575  
Art Olin, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Rehabilitation Services Administration Arizona Department of Economic Security**

1789 West Jefferson Street  
930A  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-6289 or (800) 563-1221  
FAX: (602) 542-3778  
Ed House, Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information,



# ARKANSAS

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Arkansas Department of Education

#### Special Education Department

4 Capitol Mall

Education Building, Room 105-C

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-4221

FAX: (501) 682-4313

Dr. Diane Sydoriak, Associate

Director of Special Education

Bob Brasher, State Coordinator,

Educational Services for Visually

Impaired, Arkansas School for the

Blind, P.O. Box 668, Little Rock, AR

72203, phone (501) 296-1815, FAX

(501) 663-3536.

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**

Pulaski County.

**Mission:** Under the direct

supervision of Educational

Services for the Visually Impaired

of the Arkansas School for the

Blind, the Educational Materials

Center acts as a clearinghouse and

depository of large-print and

braille textbooks and adaptive

equipment for visually impaired

and blind students in Arkansas.

Regional vision consultants assist

local school districts by providing

technical assistance. Orientation

and mobility specialists provide

direct instruction. Preschool

consultants provide home

intervention.

**Funded by:** State and federal

funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-

4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 16.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 120

families of preschoolers; 650

school-age students.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment

that potentially affects education.

**Area Served:** Arkansas.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through

high-school age.

**Educational:** 5 vision consultants

provide technical assistance. 3

orientation and mobility specialists

provide instruction.

**Preschools:** 4 preschool

consultants provide home

intervention and center/day care

technical assistance.

**Reading:** Educational materials

center provides large-print/braille

textbooks statewide.

**Recreational:** 4-week summer

program for public school students

on Arkansas School for the Blind

campus.

**Low Vision:** Weekly low vision

clinic sees 150 preschool/public

school students annually plus all

residential students.

Education Services for the Visually

Impaired is the statewide program

of the Arkansas Department of

Education, Special Education. The

project is directly supervised by

the Arkansas School for the Blind.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Developmental Disabilities Services

#### Arkansas Department of Human Services

Donaghey Plaza North

Seventh and Main Streets

P.O. Box 1437

Slot 2520

Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

(501) 682-8676

FAX: (501) 682-8890

Sherry Cobb, Part H Early

Intervention Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**

Pulaski County.

Evaluations, transportation, speech

therapy, occupational therapy,

physical therapy, early

intervention, targeted case

management, adaptive equipment,

family support, consultation.

### SCHOOLS

#### Arkansas School for the Blind

2600 West Markham

P.O. Box 668

Little Rock, AR 72203

(501) 296-1810 or (501) 296-1815

(Educational Services for the

Visually Impaired-Preschool

Home Intervention Program)

FAX: (501) 663-3536

Dr. Ivan Terzieff, Superintendent

Bob Brasher, State Coordinator,

FSUI (Outreach)

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**

Pulaski.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind;

legally blind; deaf-blind; learning

disabled; mentally retarded;

orthopedically disabled.

**Funded by:** General State

Revenue; Department of

Education, PL94-142 funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM-

5:00PM.

**Staff:** 109 full time. Uses

volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1859. Home

Intervention/Technical Assistance

Program est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** 110 on

campus, 760 off-site.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind,

Arkansas resident.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation

of eye health; treatment of eye

conditions; prescription of

spectacles or aids; has low vision

aids or devices; evaluation of eye

treatment or prescription; general



medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school.

**Educational:** Grades preschool through 12 and non-graded. Programs for general academic; vocational skill development.

**Preschools:** Programs for academic, concept, and skills development.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book machines, cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Kurzweil reading machine.

**Residential:** Dormitories; on-site apartments for independent living.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; summer day camp; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and prescription of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

**Arkansas School for the Blind**  
2600 West Markham  
P.O. Box 668

Little Rock, AR 72203  
(501) 296-1810  
FAX: (501) 663-3536  
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Pulaski County.

**Mission:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; transportation; low vision exams.

**Funded by:** State funds, P.L. 94-142 incentive grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment, with or without other disabling conditions, 3-5 years old.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 5 years and under.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation; referrals to other agencies.

**Educational:** Academic, concept and skills development programs.

**Professional Training:** Internships, technical assistance and inservice training programs.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptions and aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Outreach and consultant services also provided. For information, contact Bob Brasher, State Coordinator.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

**Educational Services for Visually Impaired**  
**Arkansas School for the Blind**  
2600 West Markham  
P.O. Box 668  
Little Rock, AR 72203  
(501) 296-1815  
FAX: (501) 663-3536  
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

**Funded by:** Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education (IDEA-6B) funds, and Arkansas School for the Blind.

**Located at:** Central Office: Arkansas School for the Blind, with four regional offices in Educational Service Coop locations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through high school age.

**Professional Training:** Local and statewide in-servicing annually.

**Assessment:** Provides weekly low vision clinic to public schools, preschool and residential students. (Other assessments by Arkansas School for the Blind on request).

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Five regional vision consultants provide technical assistance.

**Direct Service:** Three orientation and mobility specialists travel statewide.

**Parent Assistance:** Four preschool specialists provide home intervention and assistance to centers/day care programs.

**Materials Production:** Depository-style educational materials center provides all braille/large-print textbooks statewide and coordinates braille/large-print prison project.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

**Educational Services for Visually Impaired**  
**Arkansas School for the Blind**  
2600 West Markham  
P.O. Box 668  
Little Rock, AR 72203  
(501) 296-1815  
FAX: (501) 663-3536  
Bob Brasher, State Coordinator

**Area Served:** Statewide (public, private and residential).

**Groups Served:** K-12.



**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large-print textbooks.

**Title Listings:** No title listings.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education

2801 South University Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72204

(501) 569-3169

FAX: (501) 569-8129

E-mail: pbsmith@ualr.edu

URL: <http://www.ualr.edu/~rehdept/>

Dr. Patricia Smith, Rehabilitation Teaching

Dr. William Jacobson, Orientation and Mobility

Dr. Cay Holbrook, Visually Handicapped, Teacher Education,  
(501) 569-3335

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (Master's) programs for teachers of visually impaired students, orientation/mobility specialists, and rehabilitation teachers of blind persons. Summer certification programs. Dual degree options. Certification in rehabilitation counseling.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Fort Smith Public Library for the Blind and Handicapped

61 South Eighth Street

Fort Smith, AR 72901

(501) 783-0229

FAX: (501) 782-8571

Larry Larson, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sebastian County.

Subregional library.

#### Library for the Blind and Handicapped, Northwest

Ozarks Regional Library

217 East Dickson Street

Fayetteville, AR 72701

(501) 442-6253

Rachel Anne Ames, Librarian

**County/District Where Located:**  
Washington County.

Subregional library.

#### Library for the Blind and Handicapped, Southwest

CLOC Regional Library

P.O. Box 668

Magnolia, AR 71753

(501) 234-1991

FAX: (501) 234-5077

Christine McDonald, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

One Capitol Mall

Little Rock, AR 72201-1081

(501) 682-1155

FAX: (501) 682-1529

John J.D. Hall, Regional Librarian

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 6,000.

**Eligibility:** Any visual or physical disability that makes it difficult to read regular printed material.

**Area Served:** Arkansas.

Regional library providing free loan of braille books and talking books, on record and cassette, and talking book machines.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Arkansas Department of Correction

P.O. Box 1000

Wrightsville, AR 72183

(501) 897-5806

FAX: (501) 897-5716

Clifford Terry, Warden

**County/District Where Located:**  
Pulaski County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings.

## RADIO READING

### Arkansas Radio Reading Service

2600 West Markham

P.O. Box 668

Little Rock, AR 72203

(501) 663-4540

FAX: (501) 663-4540

Randy Johnson, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Pulaski County.

**Hours of Operation:** Office:  
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-3:00 PM; on air  
24 hours, 7 days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** 50-mile radius from Little Rock, covering central Arkansas.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Arkansas Affiliate

Route 3

P.O. Box 337

Clinton, AR 72031

(501) 985-2202

Nancy Burgess

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind

522 Main Street, Suite 100  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
(501) 682-5463  
FAX: (501) 682-0366  
James C. Hudson, Director

**Type of Agency:** State rehabilitation.

**County/District Where Located:** Pulaski County.

**Mission:** To provide opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment and/or independence.

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants.

**Budget:** 1993: \$4.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM-4:30PM.

**Staff:** 83 full time, 14 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 3,645.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or severely visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Health:** Provides, purchases, or refers for the following health services: diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision services; audiology therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and referral services.

**Professional Training:** Internships and supervised field placements in rehabilitation

counseling, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching and social work.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides or purchases the following services: personal management; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

**Employment:** Provides or purchases the following services: prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention and job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

#### Local Offices:

**Batesville:** Division of Services for the Blind, 1652 White Drive, P.O. Box 3669, Batesville, AR 72503, (501) 793-4153, TDD (501) 793-4224.

**El Dorado:** Division of Services for the Blind, 123 West 18th, El Dorado, AR 71730, (501) 862-6631, TDD (501) 862-3729.

**Fayetteville:** Division of Services for the Blind, 4044 Frontage Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703, (501) 521-1270, TDD (501) 521-0103.

**Fort Smith:** Division of Services for the Blind, 616 Garrison Building, Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901, (501) 782-4555, TDD (501) 782-9873.

**Harrison:** Division of Services for the Blind, 2126 Copps Road, Harrison, AR 72601, (501) 741-6107.

**Jonesboro:** Division of Services for the Blind, 2920 McCellan Drive, Room 1106, Jonesboro, AR 77401, (501) 972-1732, TDD (501) 972-6013.

**Pine Bluff:** Division of Services for the Blind, Sixth and Mulberry, P.O. Box 5670, Pine Bluff, AR 71603, (501) 534-4200, TDD (501) 534-8976.

**Texarkana:** Division of Services for the Blind, 4425 Jefferson Avenue, #102, Texarkana, AR 71854, (501) 779-1141, TDD (501) 773-2807.

### REHABILITATION

#### Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind

69th and Murray Streets  
P.O. Box 192666  
Little Rock, AR 72219  
(501) 562-2222  
FAX: (501) 568-5275  
James O. Avants, Executive Vice President

**Type of Agency:** Sheltered workshop.

**County/District Where Located:** Pulaski County.

**Mission:** Training and employment of blind individuals.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales.

**Hours of Operation:** 6:45 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1940.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Central Arkansas.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Employment:** Industrial evaluation; training.

#### Lions World Services for the Blind

2811 Fair Park Boulevard  
P.O. Box 4055



Little Rock, AR 72204  
 (501) 664-7100  
 FAX: (501) 664-2743  
 E-mail: lwsb@mail.snider.net  
 URL: <http://www.snider.net/lions>  
 Jim Cordell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Pulaski County.

**Mission:** To enable people who are legally blind or visually impaired to function independently and live full, productive lives with dignity & self-respect.

**Funded by:** Tuition, contribution and grants.

**Budget:** \$2,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 64 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Health:** Provision, purchase or referral for diagnosis and evaluation of eye condition, prescription of lenses and low vision aids, audiological services, occupational, physical or speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and referral services, psychological testing & psychiatric evaluation.

**Educational:** Remedial services, GED preparation.

**Professional Training:** Provides internships and supervised field placements for rehabilitation counseling, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching & social work students.

**Reading:** Remedial services.

**Residential:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching, communication skills, orientation and mobility, low vision evaluation and training.

**Recreational:** Leisure time activities.

**Employment:** Provides vocational evaluation, job readiness, vocational training in 14 areas, job development and placement and follow-up services.

**Computer Training:** Operates assistive technology laboratory and provides training in computer programming and computer related areas.

**Low Vision:** Clinic and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind

522 Main Street, Suite 100  
 Little Rock, AR 72201  
 (501) 682-5463  
 FAX: (501) 682-0366  
 Larry Wayland, Sensory Aids Specialist

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Pulaski County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### Arkansas Technology Resource Center

3920 Woodland Heights Avenue  
 Little Rock, AR 72212  
 (501) 227-3602  
 FAX: (501) 227-3601  
 Joyce Arey, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Pulaski County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Arkansas Ophthalmological Society

305 North Monroe  
 Little Rock, AR 72205  
 (501) 663-5686  
 Stewart Bell, Executive Director

#### Arkansas Optometric Association

100 South University Avenue  
 Suite 311  
 Little Rock, AR 72205  
 (501) 661-7675  
 FAX: (501) 661-1039  
 Betty Valachovic, CAE

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Pulaski County.

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Lions World Services for the Blind

2811 Fair Park Boulevard  
 P.O. Box 4055  
 Little Rock, AR 72204  
 (501) 664-7100 or (800) 248-0734  
 FAX: (501) 664-2743  
 E-mail: lwsb@mail.snider.net  
 URL: <http://www.snider.net/lions>  
 Jim Cordell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Pulaski County.

**Mission:** To enable people who are blind or visually impaired to function independently and live full, productive lives with dignity and self-respect, as well as to promote a positive public awareness of blindness.

**Funded by:** Patient fees and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; licensed practical nurse; psychiatrist. Others available through referral.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Low Vision:** Clinic and aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for trial period, available for training, non-prescription low vision aids may be purchased at a discount through LWSB.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Department of Ophthalmology**

4301 West Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
(501) 686-5822

FAX: (501) 686-8560  
Dr. John Shock, Department  
Chairman

**County/District Where Located:**  
Pulaski County.

**Funded by:** State government; fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; social worker.

**Eligibility:** Referrals from ophthalmologist prior to low vision examination.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in one month.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Division of Aging and Adult Services

#### Arkansas Department of Human Services

Seventh and Main Streets  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
(501) 682-2441 or Information & Referral (501) 682-8150 or Adult Protective Services (800) 482-8049  
FAX: (501) 682-8155  
Herb Sanderson, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Division of Services for the Blind

#### Arkansas Department of Human Services

522 Main Street  
Suite 100  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
(800) 960-9270 or (501) 682-5463  
FAX: (501) 682-0366  
James C. Hudson, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# CALIFORNIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### California Department of Education Special Education Division

515 L Street, Suite 270  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 445-4613  
FAX: (916) 327-3516  
Gabriel Cortina, Superintendent  
Leo D. Sandoval, Director

**Type of Agency:** State; federal.

**Mission:** To provide assistance, information and coordination of services regarding the development and education of children with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Staff:** 1 part time; variety of consultants available.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; genetic and other counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests available on referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program for visually impaired children, with or without other handicaps; consultant services to other programs; referral; coordinates services between various agencies and programs.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### California Early Intervention Technical Assistance Network

429 J Street  
Plaza Level  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 492-9999  
FAX: (916) 492-9995  
Virginia Reynolds, Birth to Five Technical Assistant

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

#### Early Intervention Program California Department of Developmental Services

1600 Ninth Street  
Room 310  
P.O. Box 944202  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 654-2777  
FAX: (916) 654-3255  
Ben Traverso, Manager  
Beth Gould, Part H Coordinator,  
(916) 654-2773

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

Acts as lead agency for Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Part H addresses the birth to 36 month population with developmental delays.

### SCHOOLS

#### California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94536  
(510) 794-3800  
FAX: (510) 794-3813  
E-mail: swittens@supreme.cde.ca.gov  
Dr. Stuart H. Wittenstein,  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Alameda County.

**Mission:** To provide educational services for blind children, including multiply disabled, deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Sunday evening to Friday afternoon; some weekends.

**Staff:** 140 full time, 27 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1860.

**Number of Clients Served:** 130 on campus; more than 200 off campus.

**Eligibility:** Local school district unable to provide services, visual impairment is primary disability.

**Area Served:** California.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-22 years.

**Health:** On-campus infirmary. Provides comprehensive assessments to students with visual impairments throughout California.

**Educational:** Nongraded special classes and graded mainstream classes in local schools.

**Preschools:** One class.

**Professional Training:** Sponsors seminars with Northern California AER, San Francisco State University, and San Jose State University.

**Reading:** Braille and other literary media.

**Residential:** Dormitories for children and youths.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility training, adapted physical education.

**Recreational:** Full range of activities.

**Employment:** Community-based transition-to-work program.

**Computer Training:** Y.

Extended school year offered.

**Children's Vision Center  
Department of Ophthalmology  
University of California, Davis  
Medical Center**

1603 Alhambra Boulevard  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
(916) 734-6959 or (800) 834-1007  
Lois Harrell, Project Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To help those who live and work with a visually impaired child to understand the unique perspective of the child and how to address related challenges.

**Funded by:** Grants and donations.

**Budget:** \$100,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
24-hour hotline (916) 734-6959.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 200 families and children.

**Eligibility:** Any child under the age of 18 years who will benefit by diagnostically related (vision) intervention.

**Area Served:** Northeastern California.

**Age Requirements:** 0-18 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for families about their child's diagnosis and needs.

**Educational:** Direct instruction in adaptive techniques for children and professionals working with them.

**Preschools:** Visits and in-service preschools with blind and low vision children.

**Professional Training:** In-service and a one-day monthly course.

**Foundation for the Junior Blind**

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90043  
(213) 295-4555  
FAX: (213) 296-0424  
Robert B. Ralls, M.S., President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled blind children, birth to 21. Services for blind and visually impaired adults, 18 to 70.

**Programs:** Infant family program, Children's Residential Center, Summer camp program, Visions Program, Special Education School, and Davidson Program for Independence.

**Funded by:** Fees for service charged to public agencies; private contributions.

**Budget:** \$ 6,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** fully accessible.

**Staff:** 120 full time. 500 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1953.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,800.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, partially sighted.

**Area Served:** California and other western states.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years (children's program); 18-70 (adult residential rehabilitation program).

**Health:** General medical and nursing services; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social and vocational evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; placement. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Nongraded. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled blind persons. Programs for vocational/skill development, adjustment training,

general academic. State-certified nonpublic school and residential living program for children and youth.

**Preschools:** Non-center-based preschool services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement; in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Information and referral; talking book records; braille books; large print books; braille and recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Seven-day-a-week residential living for children and six-day-a-week for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities for daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory communication aid training; sensory training; low vision training and electronic travel aids; home repair; aids and appliance store; sensory aids center.

**Recreational:** Evening and weekend programs; year-round camp program; special interest events; speakers and activities; trips; bowling; swimming; arts and crafts. Summer residential camp program and day camp services for children and youths. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation and training; occupational skill development; job placement and retention training; job retraining; follow-up services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Orientation and training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Services provided on campus; referrals to Center for the Partially Sighted.



**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Home-based infant/family services for children birth to age 3, special education school and residential living program for multihandicapped blind children 5-21 years old; summer and year round residential camp for blind, visually impaired children and youths. Year-round recreational programs; adjustment training for adults in six-day-a-week residential living program; library and sensory aids, computer and technology training.

**Santa Barbara City Schools  
Program for Visually Impaired  
Special Education Services**

723 East Cota Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
(805) 966-7768  
FAX: (805) 963-1992  
Jan Ross, Program Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:**  
Santa Barbara County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired children, with or without additional handicaps.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Staff:** 1 part-time administrator; 5 teachers (2 dual-certified, some early childhood); 2 aides.

**Area Served:** South Santa Barbara County.

**Age Requirements:** 0-22 years.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; home teaching, itinerant teaching to other facilities and consultant services to other programs. Variety of support and related services available through other public school and community programs.

**Preschools:** Home teaching, infant and preschool.

**INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

**Blind Babies Foundation**

1200 Gough Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
(415) 771-5464  
FAX: (415) 771-9026  
E-mail: 102052.303@compuserv.com  
Dennak L. Murphy, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides programs and services that enable families, professionals and the broader community to meet the unique needs of infants and preschool children who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Fund raising, foundation grants, donations, bequests, and contract service fees.

**Budget:** \$930,000 per year.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9 full time, 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** 400.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Northern and central California.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Home-based early intervention, functional vision and developmental assessment, information and referral and consultation.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for parents, siblings, extended family, and others involved with a preschool visually impaired child. Provides information to family, schools, medical professionals, and others regarding individual children. Refers to other appropriate services.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas affected by

vision loss. Some direct teaching provided by staff, but emphasis is on teaching parents to become teachers. Home-based direct services and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired infants, and visually impaired children with or without other disabilities.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for health care professionals, special education teachers, and others.

**Low Vision:** Referrals to eye care professionals; home counselors provide training in visual functioning.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on loan to clients.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Home counselors follow progress of clients.

**Blind Children's Center**

4120 Marathon Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(213) 664-2153 or toll-free in California (800) 222-3567 or (800) 222-3566 out of state  
FAX: (213) 665-3828  
Midge Horton, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services to young children who are visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Staff:** 25 full time; 15 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired persons, with or without other disabilities.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family support services; parent support groups; advocacy training.

**Educational:** Infant stimulation program; educational preschool;

interdisciplinary assessment service; correspondence / toll-free phone line; publications.

**Preschools:** Center-based program.

### **Blind Children's Learning Center**

18542-B Vanderlip Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 573-8888

FAX: (714) 573-4944

Gabrielle Hass, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Mission:** To develop the full potential of visually impaired children and youth regardless of ability to pay.

**Funded by:** Grants, donations, and fees.

**Budget:** 1997: \$1,300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.

**Staff:** 24 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1962.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 100 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; multiply disabled children.

**Area Served:** Greater Orange County community.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-6 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Consultation with other agencies in these areas. Information and referral systems.

**Educational:** Programs for preschoolers and infants on-site and in home. Consulting services to schools for K-12; itinerant teaching; orientation/mobility

counseling; teacher consultation and assessment.

**Preschools:** State accredited for children 6 months-6 years.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placements in social work; special education; psychological testing; human services. Has regular in-service training program.

**Low Vision:** Work with Southern California College of Optometry to help children with low vision.

### **Braille Institute of America, Inc. Youth Center**

3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West  
Los Angeles, CA 90068

(213) 851-6122

FAX: (213) 851-6961

E-mail: communications

@brailleinstitute.org

Mr. Leslie E. Stocker, President

Vicki Liske, Director of Child Development

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**Mission:** To promote a positive self-concept and increased independence by building on the child's strengths, overcoming delays in development and increasing the family's ability to respond to their child's strengths and special needs.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9 full time; 15 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 families.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and parts of Riverside, San Bernardino counties.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - 6 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Preschools:** Option for mainstream experience in community preschools with assistance of on-site staff from Braille Institute.

**Professional Training:** In-services for professionals.

### **Local Offices:**

**Anaheim:** Braille Institute, Orange County Center, 527 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801-4820, (714) 821-5000, Sheila Daily, Director.

**Rancho Mirage:** Braille Institute Desert Center, 70-251 Ramon Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, (760) 321-1111, Jay Hatfield, Director.

**Santa Barbara:** Braille Institute, Santa Barbara Center, 2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-9990, (805) 682-6222, Joan Marcuse, Director.

### **Hope Family Support Program**

c/o San Diego County Office of Education

6401 Linda Vista Road

San Diego, CA 92111-7399

(619) 292-3835

FAX: (619) 569-5394

Dr. Virginia McDonald, Director  
Meryl Berk, Vision Specialist

**Type of Agency:** Public school.

**Mission:** Services to families with disabled and developmentally delayed infants, including visually impaired and multiply disabled infants, between birth and 3 years of age.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 80 instructional staff members.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Eligibility:** Infants showing delays in development or who are at risk for delay due to medical



conditions or diagnoses, including visual impairment, with or without other disabilities.

**Area Served:** San Diego County.

**Age Requirements:** 0-3 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; home- or center-based consultation services in the following areas: nursing; speech and language; occupational therapy / physical therapy; social work/parent counseling; vision; deafness and hearing impairment; premature infant development; assistive technology and consultant services to other programs; occupational, speech, and music therapy; bilingual instruction available on consultant basis.

**Infant-Family Program of the Foundation for the Junior Blind**

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90043  
(213) 295-4555 or (800) 352-2290  
FAX: (213) 296-0424  
Mary Goldman, Intake Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** To help families understand the impact of visual impairment and multiple disabilities on their child's overall development.

**Funded by:** Private donations and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Weekend camps and workshops.

**Staff:** 1 full-time administrator; 1 full time coordinator, 8 full time specialists. Members of other disciplines available as consultants. Has advisory board.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** 225 a year.

**Eligibility:** Ages 0-3 years, visual impairment, and multiple disabilities.

**Area Served:** Los Angeles County area.

**Age Requirements:** 0-3 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment and toys on loan; free low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family support services and direct programming for families and infants in home-based program.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Recreational:** Family camps, picnics, and workshops on an on-going basis.

**Low Vision:** Free low vision exams provided by a developmental optometrist.

**STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

**California School for the Blind**

500 Walnut Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94536  
(510) 794-3800  
FAX: (510) 794-3813  
E-mail: sgoodman@supreme.cde.ca.gov  
Stephen A. Goodman, Contact Person

**Funded by:** California Department of Education, Special Education Division.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Comprehensive assessments in psychology, low vision, education, orientation and mobility, speech, and language.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** When requested, will provide technical assistance to local

agencies to develop and implement educational programs.

**Parent Assistance:** Week-long parent training provided during assessment of students.

**Professional Training:** Workshops are provided on assessment and programming of students with visual impairments. Other workshops and in-services offered when requested by local agencies.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

**Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology  
California Department of Education**

560 J Street  
Room 390  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 445-5103 (voice / TDD)  
FAX: (916) 323-9732  
E-mail: rbrawley@cde.cq.gov  
Rod Brawley, Director

**Area Served:** State of California.

**Groups Served:** California schools; students with print disabilities.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, state adopted texts, recreational texts.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print, books on tape.

**Title Listings:** Catalogs available.

**UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**California State University at Sacramento**

Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819  
(916) 278-6622  
FAX: (916) 278-5904  
E-mail: fergi@csus.edu  
Dr. Michael J. Lewis, Chairman

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sacramento County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of the learning handicapped and severely handicapped: school psychologist, special education, vocational rehabilitation. Call for course list.

### **California State University, Los Angeles**

Division of Special Education  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032  
(213) 343-4411  
FAX: (213) 343-5605  
E-mail: dfazzi@calstatela.edu  
URL: [http://web.calstatela.edu/academic/spec\\_ed/o\\_mobil/](http://web.calstatela.edu/academic/spec_ed/o_mobil/)  
Diane Fazzi, Orientation and Mobility, Teacher Education Programs in Visual Impairment  
Dr. Martin Brodwin, Rehabilitation Counseling

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's and credential) programs for teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists. Undergraduate (bachelor's) program in rehabilitation counseling.  
**Distance Education:** Y.

### **San Francisco State University**

Department of Special Education  
1600 Holloway Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
(415) 338-1245  
FAX: (415) 338-0566  
E-mail: srosen@sfsu.edu  
Dr. Amanda Hall-Lueck, Visually Impaired  
Dr. Sandra Rosen, Orientation and Mobility, Rehabilitation Teaching

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for

teachers of visually impaired students; orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## **◆ Information Services**

### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Braille Institute Library Services**

741 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(213) 663-1111, ext. 358 or  
(213) 660-3880 or toll-free in California (800) 808-2555  
FAX: (213) 663-0867  
E-mail: bils@brailib.org  
Fekade Tadesse, Machine Lending Information  
Henry C. Chang, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Private, nonprofit. Regional library of the National Library Service.

**Funded by:** Contributions, bequests, and foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919 and Inc. 1929.

**Number of Clients Served:** 21,000.

**Area Served:** Southern California.

Library provides braille, talking books and cassettes to blind and physically handicapped persons of southern California. Press produces *The Braille Mirror Magazine*, *Expectations*, an annual anthology for blind children, and other braille materials under contract for free distribution to blind persons who read braille in English. Recording and reading services primarily for students' textbooks and other educational material.

#### **California State Library Braille and Talking Book Services**

P.O. Box 942837  
Sacramento, CA 94237-0001  
(916) 654-0640 or toll-free in California (800) 952-5666  
FAX: (916) 654-1119  
E-mail: btbl@library.ca.gov  
Donine Hedrick, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sacramento County.

**Mission:** Library services for patrons unable to use print.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds, gifts.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 21.

**History/Date:** Est. 1904.

**Number of Clients Served:** 16,094.

**Eligibility:** Print impaired.

**Area Served:** Northern California.

Regional library for braille, talking books, and cassettes.

#### **Fresno County Free Library Blind and Handicapped Services**

Ted Williams Community Center  
770 North Free Library  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(209) 488-3217 or toll-free in California (800) 742-1011  
FAX: (209) 488-3209  
Deborah Janzen, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Library for the Blind and Print Handicapped**

San Francisco Public Library  
Civic Center  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 292-2022  
FAX: (415) 557-4433  
Martin Magid, Director

Subregional library.



## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### American Red Cross

#### Braille Division

10771 San Pablo  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
(510) 526-7206

**County/District Where Located:**  
Contra Costa County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Miscellaneous.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Braille Institute of America, Inc.

741 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(213) 663-1111  
FAX: (213) 663-0867  
E-mail: communications  
@brailleinstitute.org  
Carol Jimenez, Coordinator, Braille Transcription

**Area Served:** Primarily southern California.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, application instruction manuals.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

### Braille Transcribers

4848 Cottage Way  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
(916) 971-7912  
FAX: (916) 971-7410  
Joanne Call, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sacramento County.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; foreign language.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Braille Transcribers of Humboldt

P.O. Box 6363  
Eureka, CA 95502  
(707) 442-4048  
Pat Welsh, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:**  
Humboldt County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Braille Transcription Project of Santa Clara County, Inc.

101 North Bascom Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128  
(408) 298-4468  
Peggy Dodge, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Santa Clara County.

**Area Served:** Primarily Santa Clara county; also serves all of United States and Europe.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, literature, recreational, career/vocational, any requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, tapes on request.

**Title Listings:** Listed with Library of Congress and American Printing House Central Catalog.

Maintains braille library.

### Castro Valley School District

P.O. Box 2146

Castro Valley, CA 94546  
(510) 537-3000

FAX: (510) 537-4754

E-mail: wagasa@aol.com

Jim Fitzpatrick, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

**County/District Where Located:**  
Alameda County.

**Area Served:** San Leandro, Hayward, San Lorenzo, and Castro Valley school districts.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and other educational materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print, audiotope.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### CompuBraille

2791 24th Street  
Room 8  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
(916) 452-6189  
Sandy Shubb, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sacramento County.

**Area Served:** Primarily California; other states on request.

**Groups Served:** State schools, libraries, and individuals.

**Types/Content:** Embosses computer disks into braille.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Golden Gate Braille Transcribers, Inc.

1466 44th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
(415) 566-1641  
Evelyn Daiss, President

**Groups Served:** K-12; adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Kings Tape Library for the Blind**

202 West Grangeville Boulevard  
Hanford, CA 93230  
(209) 582-4843  
E-mail: hmackey@aol.com  
Caroline W. Mackey, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kings County.

**Groups Served:** Adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/  
cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Printed and/or  
cassette at no charge.

**Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop**

310 White Oak Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5942  
(707) 539-0211  
FAX: (707) 539-6537  
Fern Harger, Co-chairperson  
Betty Mann, Secretary, (707) 538-  
0134

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sonoma County.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Groups Served:** Pre-K, K-12.

**Types/Content:** Tactile teaching  
aids.

**Media Formats:** None specified.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no  
charge.

**Petaluma Braille Transcribers,  
Inc.**

605 Reynolds Drive  
Petaluma, CA 94592  
(707) 763-6576  
Eva Hoffman, Secretary

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sonoma County.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational, career/vocational,  
and religious materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books/cassettes, large-  
print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no  
charge.

**Quik-Scrybe**

14144 Burbank Boulevard, #4  
Van Nuys, CA 91401  
(818) 989-2137  
FAX: (818) 989-5602  
E-mail: sgstaley@netcom.com  
Sue Staley, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
computer manuals, and other text  
materials other than music,  
including computer-related  
materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille  
(Interpoint), large print.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

5022 Hollywood Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
(213) 664-5525  
FAX: (213) 664-1881  
Carol Smith, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

488 West Charleston Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
(415) 493-3717 (as of 8/1/97 area  
code 415 becomes 650)  
FAX: (415) 493-5513  
Howell Lovell, Jr., Contact Person

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

3970 LaColina Road  
Room 9

Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-6393  
Mary MacRae, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Santa Barbara County.

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

1844-C West 11th Street  
Upland, CA 91786  
(909) 949-4316  
FAX: (909) 981-8457  
E-mail: recblind@cyberg8t.com  
URL: [http://  
www.cyberg8t.com/recblind/](http://www.cyberg8t.com/recblind/)  
Nancy Sjolholm, Studio Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
San Bernardino County.

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**San Gabriel Valley Braille Guild**

3225 Charlinda  
West Covina, CA 91791  
(818) 331-2071  
Susannah C. Mathews, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college  
students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Career/  
vocational, recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**Santa Barbara School District**

723 East Cota Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
(805) 963-4331  
FAX: (805) 963-1992  
Janice W. Ross, Chairperson for  
Visually Impaired

**County/District Where Located:**  
Santa Barbara County.



**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed for a charge.

### **Sequoia Transcribers**

2730 West Seeger Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(209) 732-1912  
Edith Pannell, Director

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

### **Sisterhood of Temple Beth Hillel**

12326 Riverside Drive  
North Hollywood, CA 91607  
(818) 763-9148  
Julie Breitstein, Chairperson

**Groups Served:** College students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### **Transcribers of Orange County**

10982 Paddock Lane  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 731-5899  
Alice Schultz, Assignment Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Ventura County Braille Transcribers Association**

P.O. Box 3353  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(805) 641-3963  
John Calohan, President

**Area Served:** Ventura County.

**Groups Served:** K-12 and students at community college.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; computer disk. Scanning and embossing available.

**Title Listings:** Available on request.

## **RADIO READING**

### **Audio Vision Radio Reading Service**

34475 Yucaipa  
Suite 6  
Yucaipa, CA 92399  
(909) 797-4336  
Tom Rash, Station Director/  
Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** San Bernadino County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun. 5:00 AM - 12:00 midnight.

**History/Date:** Est. 1991.

**Area Served:** Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernadino.

### **KCHO-FM Radio Reading Service**

c/o California State University  
Communications Department  
Chico, CA 95929-0500  
(916) 898-5896  
FAX: (916) 898-4348  
Joe Oleksiewicz, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Butte County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Area Served:** Chico area, plus 75 miles to the north in Redding, 45

miles to the south in Maryville/Yuba City.

### **KPBS-FM Radio Reading Service**

San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182  
(619) 594-8170  
FAX: (619) 594-2881  
E-mail: keoni@kpbs.org  
URL: <http://www.kpbs.org>  
Mercedes Witherspoon, Director

**County/District Where Located:** San Diego County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**Staff:** Director and 1 staff member.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** San Diego County.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18 years of age.

### **Tri-Visual Services**

1713 J Street  
Suite 211  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 447-7323  
FAX: (916) 447-7324  
Elena Negrete, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00-12:00 noon.

## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

### **American Foundation for the Blind West**

111 Pine Street  
Suite 725  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
(415) 392-4845  
FAX: (415) 392-0383  
E-mail: sanfran@afb.org  
URL: <http://www.afb.org>

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

**Blind San Franciscans**

1591 Jackson Street  
Suite 8  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
(415) 931-8734  
FAX: (415) 563-4896  
Jewel McGinnis

**Braille Institute of America, Inc.**

741 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(213) 663-1111 or (800) 272-4453  
Carlyle Rudkin, Director

**Mission:** To provide information, referrals and materials concerning services for the blind and visually impaired.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00AM-4:00PM.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness****Fresno Affiliate**

1045 South Street  
Fresno, CA 93721  
(209) 439-7889  
Jennifer Williamson, Director of Information Services

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness Northern California Affiliate**

801 Goettel Court  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 747-1008  
FAX: (707) 747-1008  
E-mail: vreikok@aol.com  
Vicky Kennedy, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Solano County.

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness San Diego Affiliate**

2006 Chalcedony Street  
San Diego, CA 92109-3411  
(619) 595-3698  
David Hopkins, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness Southern California Affiliate**

10315 Missouri Avenue, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-5059  
(310) 274-5505  
Cathy Barry, President  
Evelyn Nidetz, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Institute for Families of Blind Children**

P.O. Box 54700  
Mailstop #111  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0700  
(213) 669-4649  
FAX: (213) 666-6283  
Nancy Chernus-Mansfield, Director  
Marilyn Horn, Assistant Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides consultation and therapy for parents, siblings and extended family members of children who are blind or visually impaired, refers parents and physicians to organizations specializing in meeting the needs of children with visual problems; writes and publishes journal articles, booklets and newsletters; and produces videotapes.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for health care workers.

**National Association for Visually Handicapped**

3201 Balboa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
(415) 221-3201  
FAX: (415) 221-8754  
E-mail: staffca@navh.org  
Jeannine Louise

See National Association for Visually Handicapped in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Northern California**

4200 California Street, #101  
San Francisco, CA 94118-1395  
(415) 387-0934 or (800) 338-3041  
FAX: (415) 387-1689  
E-mail: 104706.1110@compuserve.com  
Peter Jamgochian, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Southern California**

3702 Ruffin Road  
Suite 201  
San Diego, CA 92123-1812  
(619) 576-2122  
FAX: (619) 576-2123  
Linda R. Creel, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
San Diego County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**See also in national listings:**

**American Academy of Ophthalmology**

**American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**



American Association for  
Pediatric Ophthalmology and  
Strabismus

American Society of Ophthalmic  
Registered Nurses

Audio Vision

Beach Cities Braille Guild

Books Aloud

Contra Costa Braille Transcribers

Glaucoma Research Foundation

Library Reproduction Service

Lutheran Braille Workers

Monterey County Braille  
Transcribers

MSMT Braille Center

National Academy of Audio  
Description  
RP International

National Eye Care Project (NECP)

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research  
Institute  
Rehabilitation Engineering  
Center

Theosophical Book Association  
for the Blind

Volunteers of Vacaville

Volunteer Transcribing Services

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

Services for the Blind  
California Department of  
Rehabilitation

Central Office  
830 K Street Mall  
Room 208

Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 323-2235 (voice / TDD)  
FAX: (916) 327-6919  
E-mail: doroa.rhblind@hw#1.  
cahwnet.gov

Brenda Premo, Director  
Manuel S. Urena, Program  
Manager, Services for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sacramento County.

**Funded by:** State and federal  
funds.

**Budget:** 1997-98: \$358,819,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 70 rehabilitation counselors  
for the blind and counselor  
teachers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1963.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000.

**Eligibility:** The presence of a  
physical or mental disability that  
for the individual constitutes or  
results in a substantial handicap to  
employment; and a reasonable  
expectation that vocational  
rehabilitation services may benefit  
the individual in terms of  
employment.

**Area Served:** California.

**Health:** Diagnostic, medical and  
surgical treatment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Consultation and referral  
service.

**Reading:** Reader services for  
clients and nonclients enrolled in  
community colleges, and private  
post secondary educational  
institutions.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal and  
home management; orientation/  
mobility; communications.

**Employment:** Evaluation,  
prevocational and vocational  
training; vocational placement;  
follow-up; vending stand training.

### District Offices:

**Anaheim:** 2190 Towne Centre  
Place, Suite 200, Anaheim, CA  
92806, (714) 935-2916.

**Fresno:** 2550 Mariposa Street,  
Room 2000, Fresno, CA 93721,  
(209) 445-6011.

**Goleta:** 5638 Hollister, Suite 200,  
Goleta, CA 92117, (805) 569-5586.

**Long Beach:** 4300 Long Beach  
Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90807-  
2008, (310) 422-8325.

**Los Angeles:** 3251 West Sixth  
Street, Third Floor, Los Angeles,  
CA 90020-2591, (213) 736-3904.

**Los Angeles:** 11130 S. Western  
Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047-  
4896, (213) 241-1700.

**Norwalk:** 12440 E. Firestone  
Boulevard, Suite 215, Norwalk, CA  
90650-4386, (310) 864-8521.

**Oakland:** 2229 Webster Street,  
Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 286-0511.

**Pasadena:** 150 South Los Robles  
Avenue, Suite 300, Pasadena, CA  
91101-2497, (818) 304-8300.

**Pleasant Hill:** 2285 Morello  
Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-  
1896, (510) 689-3010.

**Riverside:** 3130 Chicago Avenue,  
Riverside, CA 92507, (909) 782-  
6650.

**Sacramento:** 2225 19th Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95818-1690,  
(916) 322-8500.

**San Bernardino:** 303 W. Third  
Street, Room 300, San Bernardino,  
CA 92401-1885, (909) 383-4401.

**San Diego:** 5095 Murphy Canyon  
Road, Suite 330, San Diego, CA  
92123, (619) 495-3600.

**San Francisco:** 185 Berry Street,  
Suite 180, San Francisco, CA 94107,  
(415) 904-7100.

**San Jose:** 100 Paseo de San  
Antonio, Room 324, San Jose, CA  
95113-1479, (408) 277-1355.

**Santa Rosa:** 50 D Street, Suite 425,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4764,  
(707) 576-2233.

**Van Nuys:** 5900 Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 240, Van Nuys, CA 91411, (818) 901-5024.

Maintains the following center: Orientation Center for the Blind, 400 Adams Street, Albany, CA 94706, (510) 559-1208, Mike Cole, Administrator. Provides work adjustment and prevocational counseling; personal management; orientation/mobility; physical education; home management; industrial arts; braille; typing; business methods.

## REHABILITATION

### Assistance League of Santa Clara County

169 State Street  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
(415) 941-4625 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)  
Mary Kay McCarthy, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Santa Clara County.

**Educational:** Piano lessons for the blind.

### Blind and Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County

225 Laurel Avenue  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
(408) 649-3505  
FAX: (408) 649-4057  
Kathy Henson

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To help blind and visually impaired adults become independent, contributing members of society.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Budget:** \$209,000.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** Orientation and mobility specialists; low vision specialist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 500.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired adults.

**Area Served:** Monterey County.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Educational:** Braille instruction.

**Rehabilitation:** Home-based instruction in daily living skills.

**Recreational:** Exercise program, lunch, and ceramics class on Tuesdays.

**Low Vision:** Clinic open four days a month; full-time low vision specialist available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### Braille Institute of America, Inc.

741 North Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(213) 663-1111  
FAX: (213) 663-0867  
E-mail: communications@brailleinstitute.org  
Leslie E. Stocker, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Free services for adults, youths, and preschool children who are legally blind.

**Funded by:** Contributions, bequests, grants.

**Budget:** 1995-96 (including capital expenditures): \$18 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 363 full-time equivalents; 5,170 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919; inc. 1929.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 41,779.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Southern California.

**Age Requirements:** Varies with program.

**Health:** Refers to other agencies for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological counseling and referral.

**Educational:** Programs for adults, youth, and preschool children in a broad curriculum with over 200 courses and 282,000 hours of instruction.

**Preschools:** Integrated with community.

**Professional Training:** Internship and fieldwork; in-service training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.

**Reading:** Talking book records and cassettes; braille books, large print materials; information and referral; volunteer reading and tape recording services. Southern California Regional Library of the National Library Service.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills; orientation/mobility on site and at home.

**Recreational:** Adult and youth programs; summer youth camp experiences; swimming, sports, arts and crafts, physical education, woodshop, and music activities.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; refers and provides consultation to other agencies.

**Computer Training:** Training varies depending upon individual needs (usually between 12 weeks and 1 year). Access/training on computer aids and devices, microcomputer classes. Subsidy program for equipment needed in employment (southern California only). Contact: Director, Admitting Services (213) 663-1111.

**Low Vision:** Visual aids, consultations and demonstrations.

### Local Offices:

**Anaheim:** Orange County Center, 527 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801-4820, (714) 821-5000.



**Los Angeles:** Sight Center, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 663-1111.

**Los Angeles:** Youth Center, 3450 Cahuenga Boulevard West, Los Angeles, CA 90068, (213) 851-6122.

**Rancho Mirage:** Desert Center, 70-251 Ramon Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, (760) 321-1111.

**San Diego:** San Diego Center, 4510 Executive Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121, (619) 452-1111.

**Santa Barbara:** Santa Barbara Center, 2031 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, (805) 682-6222.

Community outreach programs are conducted in more than 40 locations throughout Southern California.

#### **Center for Living Independence for Multi-Handicapped Blind (CLIMB)**

161 West Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

(818) 355-1447

FAX: (818) 289-5378

William Young, Executive Director  
Chris Onye, Director of Operations

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Residential and community services for multiply handicapped blind adults.

**Funded by:** Client fees and workshop sales.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days a week.

**Staff:** 75.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 130.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, multiply handicapped. Referral by state regional center.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18 years of age.

**Health:** Refers for diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and prescriptions for eye health.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides social evaluation, psychological evaluation/testing, and individual counseling.

**Educational:** Social/vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internships in orientation/mobility.

**Reading:** Talking book records/tapes; braille/large print books; braille/recorded magazines; book selection service; Optacon and other equipment.

**Residential:** Dormitories for multiply handicapped adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Continuing education; arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; track.

**Employment:** Vocational training/evaluations; career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; placement.

**Computer Training:** Voice synthesizer training.

**Low Vision:** Refers for prescriptions and fittings for aids.

#### **Center for the Partially Sighted**

720 Wilshire Boulevard  
Suite 200

Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713

(310) 458-3501

FAX: (310) 458-8179

E-mail: lovision@ix.netcom.com

LaDonna Ringering, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation services for partially sighted/legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** Government grants; private donations; fees.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,450.00.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 16 full time, 13 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,800 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired (visual acuity in the better eye not exceeding 20/70, but better than light perception; or visual field not greater than 30 degrees).

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Evaluation of functional vision; prescription and training in the use of spectacles/aids; sells or lends low vision aids or devices; diabetic support group; follow-up evaluation. Refers for, or provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological evaluation; individual, family, and group counseling; peer phone counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Professional Training:** Residency internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation training, orientation and mobility, low vision, optometry. Open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Information and referral for large-print and recorded materials; closed-circuit televisions

and computers for demonstration and limited use.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility and independent living skills instruction. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Limited recreational program for clients. Refers for recreational/leisure services.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:**

Demonstrations and training in access technology.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and prescriptions of low vision devices by licensed optometrists.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; individualized prescriptions; sale of optical/nonoptical devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Recheck appointments; scheduled phone follow-ups.

**Community Blind Center**

130 West Flora Street

P.O. Box 467

Stockton, CA 95202

(209) 466-3836

FAX: (209) 466-5692

Patrick Moore, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** San Joaquin County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Budget:** \$260,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Eligibility:** Vision impairment.

**Area Served:** San Joaquin County and surrounding areas.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Outreach; social evaluation;

individual, family and couple counseling; information and referral services.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; braille; English as a second language.

**Recreational:** Adult education; afterschool youth program; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; summer session for youth.

**Employment:** Training in job-seeking skills.

**Computer Training:** Skill testing for employment.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids and appliances.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Desert Blind Association**

800 Vella Road

P.O. Box 66

Palm Springs, CA 92263

(619) 323-4414

D. Elaine Clark, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Riverside County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired, physically disabled and elderly.

**Funded by:** United Way and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Number of Clients Served:** 480 annually.

**Eligibility:** Sixty years of age and over.

**Area Served:** Coachella Valley.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 60 years or older.

**Health:** Outreach.

**Rehabilitation:** Through outreach.

**Doran Resource Center for the Blind**

413 Laurel Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

(408) 458-9766

Sheila Vaughn, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Resource center providing programs and services for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** To provide resources, programs, and services that encourage independence for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 150 per month.

**Eligibility:** Any level of visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Santa Cruz County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Educational:** Independent living skills and orientation and mobility training.

**Reading:** Braille books, large print, library of books on tape.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living skills.

**Recreational:** Crafts, exercises, outings.

**Low Vision:** Clinic staffed by professionals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed through clinic; non-optical aids available for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Home visit to assist in use of low-vision aids.

**East Bay Center for the Blind, Inc.**

2928 Adeline Street



Berkeley, CA 94703-2503  
(510) 843-6935  
Grant Metcalf, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Alameda County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Friendship Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

2032 Kern Mall  
Fresno, CA 93721  
(209) 266-9496  
FAX: (209) 266-6879  
Phillip Kimble, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Donations; city and county contracts.

**Budget:** \$ 180,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:**  
Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 4 full time; 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:  
444.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind; legally blind; severely visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Fresno County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; peer support groups; individual, group, family /parent counseling. Referral to community services, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling /social work services.

**Professional Training:** Placement in training; regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; gesticulation; video magnifier; home management.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; therapeutic recreation activities;

special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; fishing.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service and referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aids and devices.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Southwest Region Office**

18345 Ventura Boulevard  
Suite 505  
Tarzana, CA 91356  
(818) 757-8921 or TDD (818) 757-8922  
FAX: (818) 757-8965  
E-mail: hkncsw@aol.com  
Rustie Rothstein, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**Intercommunity Blind Center**

7702 South Washington Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90602  
(562) 945-8771  
FAX: (562) 945-0051  
Gerald R. Konsler, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit human services agency.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** To integrate blind and visually impaired persons into all aspects of the sighted world and thus to improve their overall quality of life.

**Funded by:** Private donations; foundations; city grants; United Way; fundraisers, corporations and service clubs.

**Budget:** \$100,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 1 full time, 4 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 350.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that cannot be corrected with normal eye wear.

**Area Served:** Unlimited, but, primarily southeastern Los Angeles County area.

**Age Requirements:** 6 years and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group.

**Educational:** Braille instruction.

**Reading:** Talking books library.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills education and training (cooking, homemaking, house management).

**Recreational:** Youth group (6-19 years); adult recreational outings (44 years and older); arts and crafts instruction.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology training.

**Lions Blind Center of Diablo Valley**

175 Alvarado Avenue  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
(510) 432-3013 or (800) 750-3937 (750-EYES)  
FAX: (510) 432-7014  
Helen Breeding, Office Manager  
Denise Cintron-Perales, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Contra Costa County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind adults.

**Funded by:** Grants, income from fund-raising events, Lions Clubs.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or severely visually impaired adults.

**Area Served:** Contra Costa County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 21 years and older.

**Health:** Low vision aids and devices. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Program for adult continuing education; cooking; crafts; talking book discussion group.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for staff and community.

**Reading:** Talking book record player; cassette player; talking book records and tapes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; bowling; fishing; field trips.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Computer Training:** Classes available.

**Low Vision:** Refers for some low vision screening.

**Low Vision Aids:** For loan and sale.

**Lions Blind Center of the Santa Clara Valley**  
101 North Bascom Avenue

San Jose, CA 95128  
(408) 295-4016  
FAX: (408) 295-1398  
E-mail: lbcscv@aol.com  
Ed Thomas, Director

**Type of Agency:** A recreational, social and therapeutic center for the blind and visually impaired.

**County/District Where Located:** Santa Clara County.

**Mission:** Living skills, counseling, braille instruction, recreation and social activities, information and referral.

**Funded by:** Lions Clubs, city of San Jose, and community donations.

**Budget:** \$ 150,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 4 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100 monthly.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Santa Clara Valley.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups at local senior residences.

**Educational:** Cooking, Spanish, sewing, English as a second language, braille, computer training.

**Reading:** Volunteers on site to read mail, low vision reading machines.

**Recreational:** Monthly field trips, dance classes, self-defense, bingo.

**Employment:** Referrals.

**Computer Training:** Word processing, basic database programs.

**Lions Center for the Blind**

3834 Opal Street  
Oakland, CA 94609  
(510) 450-1580  
FAX: (510) 654-3603  
Charles Boyer, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Alameda County.

**Mission:** Services for blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and developmentally disabled persons.

**Budget:** 1997: \$538,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 14 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1942.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Adult continuing education; vocational skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internship/supervised field work placement in orientation/mobility; social work; special education. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Volunteers.

**Rehabilitation:** Living skills; orientation and mobility.

**Recreational:** Life enrichment programs; exercise; field trips; arts and crafts; hobby groups; programs for the elderly; bowling.

**Employment:** Job development and placement.

**Computer Training:** Speech output software.

**Low Vision:** Referrals.

**Living Skills Center for the Visually Impaired**

13830 San Pablo Avenue  
Suite B



San Pablo, CA 94806-3704  
(510) 234-4984  
FAX: (510) 234-4986  
Patricia Williams, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit agency administered by the Research and Service Foundation for the Handicapped.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** California Department of Rehabilitation.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; eligible for California Department of Rehabilitation services.

**Area Served:** California.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18 years.

**Health:** Refers for medical services; assists in obtaining low vision evaluations and service; fosters medical awareness through evaluations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Assertiveness training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Independent living skills. Transition skills for college success. Accepts deaf-blind; additional disabilities considered on individual basis.

**Professional Training:** In-service training of others working with visually impaired people.

**Residential:** Clients share apartments in the community; instruction occurs in clients' apartments and in local area.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; signature writing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; listening and vision skills; financial skills training; broad evaluations and training in areas of cooking,

cleaning, care of clothing, social skills, personal hygiene.

**Recreational:** Recreational outings, i.e. camping, skiing, sea kayaking, shopping, hiking; regular informal exercise program; jogging; swimming.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation and training; career/skill counseling; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

Staff activities also include extensive information and referral service via telephone and participation in outreach programs; involvement in community affairs, including task force participation on public transportation, city planning, housing, and technical assistance in areas affecting visually impaired persons.

### Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2470 El Camino Real  
Suite 107  
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1701  
(415) 858-0202 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)  
FAX: (415) 858-0857  
Pam Brandin, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Home-based services for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages.

**Funded by:** United Way; fees; contributions; fundraisers.

**Budget:** \$ 890,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time, 6 part time; low vision optometrists on contract part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936 and Inc. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** 820/year.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Santa Clara or San Mateo County; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Low vision clinic.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psycho-social evaluation; individual and group counseling; family counseling; support groups; referral to community services. Consultation to other agencies.

**Educational:** Contracts with school districts and youth group.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement.

**Reading:** Information and referral. Kurzweil reader available to clients.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; medical management; home management; orientation/mobility; communication skills, including braille.

**Recreational:** Enrichment program.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation, prescriptions, aids, and appliances.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

214 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4508  
(415) 431-1481  
FAX: (415) 863-7568  
Anita Shafer Baldwin, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** San Francisco County.

**Mission:** Services for blind and visually disabled children and adults.

**Funded by:** Private donations.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM; resource center, Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and first Sat. of each month 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.  
**Staff:** 25 (plus counselors during the summer). Fully trained volunteers available for reading, in-home personal assistance.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1902.  
**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500.  
**Transportation:** Y.  
**Age Requirements:** Program specific.  
**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Information and referral; intake evaluation; crisis intervention; workshops and seminars for professionals and families.  
**Educational:** Adult continuing education classes taught through the San Francisco Community College, specializing in braille, arts/crafts, ceramics, and introductory typing.  
**Reading:** Braille library. Volunteers available for reading services.  
**Rehabilitation:** Braille instruction; orientation and mobility instruction; daily living skills.  
**Recreational:** Recreational and social programs for seniors and adults including dances, field trips, and hot lunch on two weekdays; Enchanted Hills Camp, residential summer camp for children and adults.  
**Employment:** Job training; employment search assistance; resume preparation.  
**Low Vision:** Low vision center.  
**Low Vision Aids:** Visual and adaptive aids available for purchase in person and by mail.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

#### Local Offices:

**Napa:** Enchanted Hills Camp, 3410 Mt. Veeder Road, Napa, CA 94558, Phone main office: (415) 431-1481.

#### RP International

P.O. Box 900  
 Woodland Hills, CA 91365  
 (818) 992-0500 or (800) FIGHT RP  
 FAX: (818) 992-3265  
 Helen Harris, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**Mission:** To find a cure or treatment for retinal degenerative eye disease, disseminate information and provide human services.  
**Funded by:** Donations and grants.  
**Budget:** \$300,000.  
**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-6:00 PM daily; 24-hour crisis line.  
**Program Accessibility:** Van transport; bus access.  
**Staff:** 4 full time. Uses volunteers.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1975.  
**Area Served:** Southern California. Support group formed nationally.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provided at center and through 24-hour crisis line.  
**Educational:** Classes in mobility, braille, arts and crafts, life adjustment.  
**Reading:** At vision clinic.  
**Recreational:** Bowling team and other school functions.  
**Low Vision:** Clinic one morning a week.  
**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**San Bernardino Valley Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.**  
 762 North Sierra Way  
 San Bernardino, CA 92410  
 (909) 884-3121  
 FAX: (909) 884-2964  
 Robert G. McBay, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Thrift store, donations.  
**Budget:** \$500,000.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.  
**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.  
**Staff:** 17.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1938.  
**Number of Clients Served:** Average 90 per day.  
**Eligibility:** Legally blind.  
**Area Served:** Inland Empire area.  
**Transportation:** Y.  
**Age Requirements:** Over 13 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling available on adjusting to visual impairment.  
**Reading:** Braille Institute sub-lending library.  
**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home economics.  
**Recreational:** Woodwork; sewing; macrame; ceramics; braille; arts and crafts.  
**Low Vision:** Vision consultant visits once a month.

**San Diego Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired**  
 5922 El Cajon Boulevard  
 San Diego, CA 92115  
 (619) 583-1542  
 FAX: (619) 583-2335  
 Kim Gibbens, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**Mission:** To rehabilitate blind and visually impaired individuals so they might reach their highest potential of independence and self-reliance.  
**Funded by:** Private donations, bequests, grants, foundations, state and local governments.  
**Budget:** \$740,000.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.



**Program Accessibility:** Accessible to persons with disabilities. The building has received national recognition regarding the accessibility design features.

**Staff:** 31. 134 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-1996: Approximately 1,000.

**Eligibility:** Vision loss.

**Area Served:** San Diego County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Primary age group served is adults 18 years of age or older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, family, and outreach counseling.

**Professional Training:** Undergraduate and graduate internship training.

**Reading:** Volunteer reading services; braille instruction.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living, orientation/mobility, braille, typing, handwriting, resource information, sensory awareness, clothing construction, kitchen skills, transition.

**Low Vision:** Provides low vision screening.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up and training provided.

#### Local Offices:

**Vista:** 1385 Bonair Road, Vista, CA 92084, (619) 758-5956, FAX (619) 758-6296.

#### Sensory Access Foundation

385 Sherman Avenue  
Suite 2

Palo Alto, CA 94306-1840

(415) 329-0430 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)

FAX: (415) 323-1062

E-mail: saf@gbx.org

Diana L. Drews, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Santa Clara County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** Government grants, donations, fee-for-service programs and services.

**Budget:** \$718,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon; 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 12 full-time, 3 part-time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** Direct services 188/year; information and referral 800/year.

**Eligibility:** Referral by State Department of Rehabilitation, counselor or employer. Self-referral for information and referral program.

**Area Served:** Direct services, California; information and referral, unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** Working age primarily.

**Employment:** Employment services include: job preparation and placement; access technology evaluations, both on-site and in our Computer Education, Training and Evaluation Center (CETEC); employer/employee education; ADA consultation; on-the-job equipment loan; individualized access technology training; installation and configuration of systems; and the Work Incentive Program.

#### Society for the Blind

2750 24th Street

Sacramento, CA 95818

(916) 452-8271

FAX: (916) 452-2622

Thomas Ryan, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Contributions; fees; bequests; fundraising.

**Budget:** \$ 743,404.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All programs totally accessible.

**Staff:** 12 full-time, 2 part-time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 2,241.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired and blind persons able to benefit from our services.

**Area Served:** Sacramento area except for low vision clinic, which serves 26 counties of northern California. Products for Independence Store will do mail order.

**Health:** Low vision clinic.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social services, family, and group counseling; peer support group.

**Professional Training:** Internships in mobility/orientation and rehabilitation teaching.

**Residential:** In-home volunteer service, reading mail, shopping, paying bills.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; activities of daily living; braille; support groups.

**Recreational:** Adult education, arts, crafts, special programs for elderly persons.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Computer Training:** Computer literacy and typing; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Operates Products for Independence, a retail store that sells products that blind and visually impaired people use to enhance independence.

### **Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind**

7955 Lindley Avenue  
Reseda, CA 91335  
(818) 708-1740  
FAX: (818) 708-7899  
Lynn Robinson, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Services for blind and developmentally disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Private, federal, and state funds.

**Budget:** \$2,500,000.

**Program Accessibility:** Program sites accessible to wheelchairs.

**Staff:** 100.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** Day program: 55; residential: 60.

**Eligibility:** Developmentally disabled and visually impaired may have additional disabilities, such as hearing loss, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and/or behavioral deficits.

**Age Requirements:** 18-65 years.

**Health:** Monitoring and assistance with management of health issues.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Training and assistance.

**Educational:** Tutorial services available to persons unable to attend day program on site.

**Residential:** Various residential programs to serve clients with behavioral/self-help deficits, as well as medical problems.

**Recreational:** Comprehensive programming available.

**Employment:** Pre-employment training available.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

### **Tri-Visual Services**

1713 J Street, Suite 211  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 447-7323  
FAX: (916) 447-7323  
Elena Negrete, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

**Mission:** Strengthen services to visually impaired and blind people of Northern California.

**Funded by:** Grants; fund raising; private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-3:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** Northern California.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living program; daily living skills.

**Recreational:** Travel club has several field trips for youths and adults; bowling; beep baseball.

**Computer Training:** Computer literacy workshop; BCUG, quarterly meetings; resource computer guide.

### **Western Blind Rehabilitation Center**

#### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center  
3801 Miranda Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94304  
(415) 493-5000, ext. 4358 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)  
or (415) 858-3921  
FAX: (415) 852-8472  
William Ekstrom, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry students and residents; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teachers; psychologist/counselor; manual skills instructor; ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselors; audiologist; recreational therapist; computer access training instructors.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind veterans; ophthalmology report.

**Area Served:** California, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Hawaii.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided when prescribed.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **California School for the Blind**

500 Walnut Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94536  
(510) 794-3800, ext. 237  
FAX: (510) 794-3813  
Jim Carreon, Technology Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.



**Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1124 Baker Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
(805) 322-5234  
FAX: (805) 322-7754  
Sandra Quigley, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kern County.

**Computer Training:** Available free of charge to the visually impaired; classes are scheduled on an as needed basis.

**College of the Redwoods High Tech Center**

7351 Tompkins Hill Road  
Eureka, CA 95501  
(707) 445-6825  
FAX: (707) 445-6990  
Julie Wells, Technical Specialist

**County/District Where Located:**  
Humboldt County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

**Computer Access Laboratory California State University, Students with Disabilities Resources**

18111 Nordhoff Street  
Northridge, CA 91330-8264  
(818) 677-2684  
FAX: (818) 677-4932  
E-mail: mark.sakata@csun.edu  
URL: <http://www.csun.edu/cod/>  
Mark Sakata, Assistant Technical Specialist, Rehabilitation Counselor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character

recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; speech recognition and readback; gui internet access; screen readers.

**Lions Center for the Blind**

3834 Opal Street  
Oakland, CA 94609  
(510) 450-1580  
FAX: (510) 654-3603  
Charles Boyer, Executive Director  
Gerry Newell, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Alameda County.

**Computer Training:** Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**Palomar College**

1140 Mission Road  
San Marcos, CA 92069  
(619) 744-1150  
Sherry Goldsmith, Computer Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing.

**DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS****Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind**

211 South Montclair Street, Suite A  
Bakersfield, CA 93309-3165  
(805) 831-1333  
FAX: (805) 831-0681  
Lequita J. McKay, Executive Director  
David A. Hagemann, Director of Training

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Kern County.

**Mission:** Trains dog guides and blind individuals with the dog guides. Dog guides are given to blind persons at no cost.

**Funded by:** Public donations, trusts, wills, and endowments.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Local Offices:**

**Phoenix:** Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind, Training Center, 8252 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85041, (602) 276-0051.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind**

P.O. Box 151200  
San Rafael, CA 94915  
(415) 499-4000 or (800) 295-4050  
FAX: (415) 499-4035  
Richard A. Bobb, President and CEO  
Sue Sullivan, Admissions

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marin County.

**Mission:** Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons at no cost. Provides follow-up services for clients and an annual stipend for veterinary services.

**Funded by:** Contributions and endowment.

**Budget:** \$16 million.

**Hours of Operation:**  
Administrative offices: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 220.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1942.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 350 annually.

**Eligibility:** At least 16 years of age, legally blind and physically and emotionally capable of undergoing required four-week in-residence training program.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Minimum age: 16 years.

**Health:** Able to walk at fairly brisk pace to allow dog to work safely.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counselor on staff.

**Professional Training:** Trains own instructors and breeds own dogs.

**Residential:** Dormitories for 24 trainees.

**Local Offices:**

**Topanga:** Field Office, 1776 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga, CA 90290, (310) 455-1095.

**Guide Dogs of America**

13445 Glenoaks Boulevard  
Sylmar, CA 91342  
(818) 362-5834

FAX: (818) 362-6870

Andi Krusoe, Admissions and Graduate Services Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons free of charge. Provides consultation and referral and follow-up services for clients.

**Funded by:** Contributions.

**Budget:** \$1.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 27.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 250 active.

**Eligibility:** Individually evaluated for acceptance to program.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years or older.

**Educational:** Tours, speakers bureau.

**Residential:** 28 day, in-residence training course.

**Rehabilitation:** Guide dog mobility training.

**Guide Dogs of the Desert**

P.O. Box 1692  
Palm Springs, CA 92263  
(619) 329-6257  
FAX: (619) 329-2127  
James O. Hyatt, CEO.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Riverside County.

**Mission:** To provide independent mobility to blind persons through the companionship and assistance of a guide dog.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Budget:** \$500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

**Staff:** 15.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30 new graduates each year. Approximately 140 provided with postgraduate assistance.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** United States, Canada and Mexico.

**Age Requirements:** At least 16 years.

**Residential:** 28 days, free boarding.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**California Association of Ophthalmology**

605 Market Street  
Suite 1109

San Francisco, CA 94105-3213  
(415) 777-3937

FAX: (415) 777-1082

E-mail: starrs 2020@aol.com

Starr E. Shulman, Executive Director

Martin L. Fishman, M.D., M.P.A., President

**County/District Where Located:** San Francisco County.

**California Optometric Association**

P.O. Box 2591  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
(916) 441-3990

FAX: (916) 448-1423

URL: <http://www.coavision.org>  
Claudia Foutz, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**California Pacific Medical Center  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Low Vision Service**

2340 Clay Street  
Fifth Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 923-3933

FAX: (415) 923-3945

August Colenbrander, M.D., Director  
Anna E. Ortiz-Harder, M.A., Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit; full-service eye department.

**Mission:** Low vision rehabilitation, education, and research.

**Funded by:** Patient fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist, low vision specialist, full-service eye department.

**History/Date:** Est. 1960.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmology report.



**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Professional Training:** Internship site for San Francisco State University residency training program.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation services by referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed. Long-term follow-up by questionnaire.

### **Center for the Partially Sighted**

720 Wilshire Boulevard  
Suite 200

Santa Monica, CA 90401-1713

(310) 458-3501

FAX: (310) 458-8179

E-mail: lovision@ix.netcom.com

LaDonna Ringering, Ph.D.,

Executive Director

Phyllis Amaral, Ph.D., Director of  
Clinical Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation services for partially sighted/legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** California Department of Rehabilitation; private donations; client fees (sliding scale); third-party payers; city of Santa Monica; and County of Los Angeles.

**Budget:** \$1,450,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrists; optometric interns; optometric technicians; psychologists; peer counselors; orientation/mobility instructors; independent living skills

instructors; social service and follow-up counselors.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,800 annually.

**Eligibility:** Low vision.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Off-site evaluations for physically frail.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological evaluations and therapy by licensed clinical psychologists; peer counseling; diabetes support group.

**Educational:** In-service training and workshops on low vision.

**Professional Training:** Optometric residence and internship; psychology, gerontology and orientation and mobility field placement.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills classes; orientation and mobility.

**Computer Training:** Access technology demonstrations.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and prescriptions of low vision devices by licensed optometrists.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site and off-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Phone interview after 1 week; second appointment 2 weeks after initial visit; periodic phone calls and home/school/work site follow-up visits as needed; 6 month and 1 year recall.

### **Local Offices:**

**Torrance:** 3537 Torrance Boulevard, Suite 18, Torrance, CA 90503. Call for appointment, (310) 458-3501.

### **Jules Stein Eye Institute**

University of California at Los Angeles

100 Stein Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90095-7000

(310) 825-5053

Bartly J. Mondino, M.D., Director and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds; contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. by appointment, or emergency clinic at all times.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Professional Training:** Residency and Fellowship program.

**Reading:** When available, on case by case basis.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation by appointment.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 6 months.

### **King-Drew Medical Center**

12021 South Wilmington Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90059

(310) 668-4531

FAX: (310) 537-9446

Dr. Richard Casey, Chief of Ophthalmology

Candace Chandler, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor;

rehabilitation counselor;  
audiologist; genetic counselor.  
**Area Served:** County of Los Angeles.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** After 3 months by return appointment.

**Low Vision Clinic  
University of California, San Francisco Eye Clinic**

400 Parnassus Avenue  
Seventh Floor  
P.O. Box 0344  
San Francisco, CA 94143  
(415) 476-5022  
FAX: (415) 502-6334  
Dr. Roland Jung, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** University medical center.

**Mission:** To provide evaluations for low vision devices, nonoptical assistive devices, counseling, and referrals as necessary.

**Funded by:** University of California, San Francisco.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-11:30 AM.

**Staff:** Optometrist, ophthalmic technician, ophthalmologist, ophthalmology residents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 125 patients per year.

**Eligibility:** Referral by ophthalmologist, optometrist, State Department of Rehabilitation, or other physicians.

**Area Served:** San Francisco Bay area, northern and central California.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5 years and older.

**Health:** Full scale ophthalmology clinic; accessibility to campus medical facilities.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social work services available through university hospitals and clinics and local non-profit agencies.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations; training and prescription of devices; low vision devices available on loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Low Vision Clinic  
University of California School of Optometry**

Berkeley, CA 94720-2020  
(510) 642-5726  
FAX: (510) 643-5109  
Ian L. Bailey, O.D., Director

**Mission:** Provide clinical low vision care and training for optometrists.

**Funded by:** State funds; client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrists; optometry residents; special educators; low vision mobility specialists.

**History/Date:** Est. 1960.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Peer support group for adults.

**Educational:** Educational assessments within special vision assessment clinic for disabled children.

**Professional Training:** Training for undergraduate and graduate students in optometry.

**Rehabilitation:** Information and referral services; mobility assessments.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive assessments of visual capabilities for all ages.

**Low Vision Aids:** May be purchased by client or provided on loan for trial period; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** After 1 month with additional services as needed.

**Marin Low Vision Clinic**

930 Tamalpais Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 457-8890  
Dr. Howard A. Levenson, O.D.,  
Clinic Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**County/District Where Located:** Marin County.

**Mission:** Provide therapy and low vision aids for patients to maintain independence.

**Funded by:** Lions Club, various foundations, donations.

**Budget:** \$30,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Referral from ophthalmologist or optometrist only.

**Staff:** 2 optometrists and support staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1991.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150 annually.

**Area Served:** Marin and Sonoma Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive services, including follow-up and dispensing of aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Extensive inventory.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Optometric Center of Los Angeles**

Southern California College of Optometry  
3916 South Broadway



Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213) 234-9137  
FAX: (213) 235-6203  
Tony Carnevali O.D., Director  
Robert L. Gordon O.D.,  
Coordinator, Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.  
**Funded by:** Client fees.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM-  
3:00 PM.  
**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Complete low vision  
services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purposes through  
Lions Loaner Library; on-site  
training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Complete  
follow-up services provided.

### **Peninsula Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

2470 El Camino Real  
Suite 107  
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1701  
(415) 858-0202 (as of 8/1/97 area  
code 415 becomes 650)  
FAX: (415) 858-0857  
Pam Brandin, Executive Director  
Selma Chin, O.D., Low Vision  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**Mission:** To provide low vision  
evaluations, low vision aids and  
technology, and training in their  
use.

**Funded by:** Client fees and  
donations.

**Budget:** \$110,000 (low vision clinic  
only).

**Hours of Operation:** Tues., Thurs.  
and Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; social worker;  
orientation/mobility instructor;  
rehabilitation teacher.

**Number of Clients Served:** 375/  
year.  
**Area Served:** San Mateo and Santa  
Clara Counties.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Information and referral,  
counseling, and support groups.  
**Rehabilitation:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purposes; available  
for purchase; on-site training  
provided; prescriptions ordered.  
Demonstrations of adaptive  
technology for low vision.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return  
appointment as needed.

### **RP International Low Vision**

23241 Ventura Boulevard  
Suite 117  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365  
(818) 992-0500 or (800) FIGHT RP  
Helen Harris, President

**Staff:** Optometrist, mobility  
instructor.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams,  
prescriptions for devices free of  
charge.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for  
sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As  
needed.

### **St. Mary Low Vision Center**

1050 Linden  
Long Beach, CA 90813  
(310) 491-9275  
FAX: (310) 491-9934  
Bonnie Steinberg Solberg,  
Coordinator  
Florence Traub, RN, Assistant  
Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants;  
donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. by  
appointment only.

**Eligibility:** Written referral from  
ophthalmologist.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 5 years and  
up. Special programs geared  
toward older adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent  
living classes instructed on an on-  
going basis. Orientation and  
mobility training on a limited  
basis. Braille instruction provided  
on request.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purpose at no charge.  
On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return  
appointment.

### **Scripps Memorial Hospital Mericos Eye Institute Partial Vision Center**

P.O. Box 28  
La Jolla, CA 92038-0028  
(619) 626-6571  
FAX: (619) 626-6560  
Linda Van der Plaats, Contact  
Person

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**Mission:** To serve as a resource  
center for visually impaired  
persons.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Staff and volunteers  
demonstrate low vision  
equipment, magnifiers, and  
illumination.

**Eligibility:** Unlimited.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Educational:** Free brochures  
provided on request.

**Rehabilitation:** On-site training  
and referral services.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation by a specialist available with a referral from an ophthalmologist.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptive devices provided on loan for trial purposes.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Society for the Blind  
Visual Services Center  
Low Vision Clinic**

2750 Twenty-Fourth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
(916) 452-8271

FAX: (916) 452-2622

Stephen J. Ingman, O.D., Director  
Jean Autrey, Clinic Manager

**Type of Agency:** Rehabilitation and low vision clinic.

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; resource specialist.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 1,000 patients annually.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairments.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Professional Training:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision:** Low vision assessments.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee. Nonoptical products.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 1 month; by visit to place of employment or school at that time, if necessary.

**Southern California College of  
Optometry  
Low Vision Clinic**

2575 Yorba Linda Boulevard

Fullerton, CA 92831

(714) 449-7415

FAX: (714) 992-7811

Dr. Pamela Thomas, Chief

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive low vision examinations.

**Funded by:** Medicare; sliding fee scale for medical examinations available.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Wed. 11:30 AM-3:30 PM; Thurs. 11:30 AM-3:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/residents; service coordinator.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; rental fee charged; on-site training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By recall system within 6 months.

**Stanford  
Department of Ophthalmology,  
Low Vision Services**

300 Pasteur Drive

Palo Alto, CA 94305-5308

(415) 723-6995 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)

FAX: (415) 725-6619

Dr. Peter D'Alena, Low Vision Specialist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Santa Clara County.

**Hours of Operation:** 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.

**Eligibility:** Doctor's referral.

**Area Served:** California.

**Low Vision:** Prescription of aids; follow-up available.

**University of California, Davis  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Low Vision Services**

1611 Alhambra Boulevard

Sacramento, CA 95816

(916) 734-6602

FAX: (916) 734-6992

Janis Lightman, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** University.

**County/District Where Located:** Sacramento County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; county and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM; Tues. and Fri. 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4-10 per week.

**Eligibility:** Self-referral and OD/MD referral welcome.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Associated with University Medical Center.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and fitted for variable charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

**Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

11301 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90073

(310) 268-3396

FAX: (310) 268-4806

Gary N. Holland, M.D., Chief,  
Ophthalmology Clinic  
Martin Maharis, Secretary,  
Ophthalmology Clinic  
Dr. David Bright, Optometry  
Department

**County/District Where Located:** Los Angeles County.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.



**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/ technician, ophthalmic photographer.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired veterans.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Services available.

**Professional Training:** On-site training available.

**Rehabilitation:** Services available.

**Low Vision:** Provided for eligible veterans.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided to all veterans.

#### **Watts Health Foundation United Health Plan**

10300 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90002  
(213) 564-4331

Leonida Johnson, Chief,  
Optometry Department

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Funded by:** Grants; patient fees; Medicare; Medicaid.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** South central Los Angeles and additional local areas.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment after 1 month.

#### **Western Blind Rehabilitation Center U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center  
3801 Miranda Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94304  
(415) 858-3921 (as of 8/1/97 area  
code 415 becomes 650)  
FAX: (415) 852-3472  
William Ekstrom, Director

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blinded veterans.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry students and residents; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/ mobility instructor; rehabilitation teachers; psychologist/ counselor; manual skills instructor; ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselors; audiologist; recreational therapist; computer access training instructors.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind veterans only; ophthalmology report.

**Area Served:** California, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Hawaii.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided when prescribed.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at medical centers and outpatient clinics in the geographic area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 322-5290 or in-state only  
(800) 510-2020  
FAX: (916) 324-1903  
Arlene Davidson, Interim Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Services for the Blind California Department of Rehabilitation**

P.O. Box 944222  
Sacramento, CA 94244  
(916) 445-9040  
Manuel Urena, Program Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## **◆ Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**California Department of Aging**  
1600 K Street

# COLORADO

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Colorado Department of Education

#### Special Education Services Unit

201 East Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6694

FAX: (303) 866-6811

Tanni Anthony, Deaf-Blind  
Consultant Unit

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Denver County.

**Mission:** Provides consultation in educational services for visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Colorado.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Childhood Initiatives Unit Colorado Department of Education

201 East Colfax Avenue  
Room 305

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-6710

FAX: (303) 866-6662

Diane Turner, Part H Early  
Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Denver County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

33 North Institute Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3599

(719) 578-2100 or (719) 578-2201

FAX: (719) 578-2239

Marilyn Jaitly, Superintendent

Dave Farrell, Principal, School for the Blind

Mike McCarthy, Outreach  
Coordinator

Debra Pike-Thomas, Parent / Child  
Advocate

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, moderately mentally retarded, and orthopedically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Offices:  
8:00 AM - 2:55 PM. Residential:  
Sun. evening - Fri. afternoon.

**Program Accessibility:**  
Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 68 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1874.

**Number of Clients Served:** 210.

**Eligibility:** School has enrollment  
criteria. Educable.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Audiology therapy;  
general medical services; speech  
therapy. Contracts and refers for  
other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Social evaluations;  
psychological testing and  
evaluation; individual, group  
counseling; placement in school,  
training. Refers and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
other counseling/social work  
services.

**Educational:** Grade range: K  
through 12 and nongraded.

Programs for infants, preschool;  
college prep; general academic;  
remedial education.

**Preschools:** Includes  
opportunities for integration with  
non-disabled peers.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship / fieldwork placement in  
orientation / mobility; special  
education; vocational  
rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Talking book record  
players and cassette players;  
talking book records and cassettes;  
braille books; large-print books;  
braille magazines; recorded  
magazines.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
management; braille; gesticulation;  
handwriting; low vision training;  
listening skills; Optacon; typing;  
video magnifier; electronic  
mobility aids; home management;  
orientation / mobility; sensory  
training. Provides consultation to  
other agencies for rehabilitation  
teaching in client's home and  
community.

**Recreational:** Afterschool  
programs; arts and crafts; hobby  
groups; bowling; swimming; track;  
wrestling. Refers for other  
recreational services. Music  
(handbells, choir, band).

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluation; career and skill  
counseling; occupational skill  
development; job retention. Refers  
and provides consultation to other  
agencies for other employment  
services.

**Computer Training:** Access;  
training on computer aids and  
devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations on  
functional vision. Large-print  
texts.

**Low Vision Aids:** Closed-circuit  
television, magnifiers, and reading  
stands.



Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

Contact Superintendent for program availability.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Anchor Center for Blind Children

3801 Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Denver, CO 80205  
(303) 377-9732  
FAX: (303) 377-9744  
Alice Applebaum, Director  
Patty Garfield, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**Mission:** To foster the unique potential of children who are visually impaired, deaf-blind or blind/multi-challenged, from birth through age five, by providing exemplary education, therapy, and family support services.

**Funded by:** Private donations and foundation grants.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 10 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50-100 children and their families.

**Eligibility:** Birth to 5 years old with visual impairment.

**Area Served:** All of Colorado.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through age 5.

**Health:** Functional vision exams and play based assessment for all children are provided. Hearing exams or genetic counseling is referred out.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling is available.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based and classroom program for visually impaired infants, 0-3 years. Classroom for 3-5 year olds, plus consultant services to other programs. Parent group component.

### Cherry Creek School District

4700 South Yosemite  
Englewood, CO 80111  
(303) 486-4234  
FAX: (303) 486-4272  
Dr. Edward Steinberg, Associate Director of Student Achievement Services

**Type of Agency:** Public school itinerant vision program.

**County/District Where Located:** Arapahoe County.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Staff:** 3 full-time, dually certified teacher. Has advisory board for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** Cherry Creek School district.

**Age Requirements:** 3-5 years.

**Health:** Genetic counseling and low vision exams available on referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas related to vision. Home-teaching, multihandicapped classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

Generic program (CHEER) also offered to children, 0-5 years, with itinerant vision support. Includes home teaching, parent-child groups, family workshops, preschool classes.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

33 North Institute Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3599  
(719) 578-2100  
FAX: (719) 578-2239  
E-mail: irishfolk@aol.com  
Mike McCarthy, Contact Person

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1875.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** On request, on site or in home/school.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request.

**Direct Service:** Adaptive technology for the blind in conjunction with standard application; computer assisted instruction.

**Parent Assistance:** Family learning seminars/workshops.

**Materials Production:** Braille, large-print.

**Professional Training:** In-service training.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Colorado Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped

1015 High Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 578-2195  
FAX: (719) 578-2207  
E-mail: cimc@pcisys.net  
Lucia Hasty, Consultant

**Area Served:** State of Colorado.

**Groups Served:** 0-21 years, students with visual impairment in public schools.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; equipment; professional resources.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large-print.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### University of Northern Colorado

Division of Special Education  
McKee Hall, Room 318  
Greeley, CO 80639  
(970) 351-2691  
FAX: (970) 351-1061  
David L. Kappan, Orientation & Mobility, (970) 351-1666  
Kay Ferrell, Visually Handicapped, (970) 351-1653

**County/District Where Located:** Weld County.

**Programs Offered:** Master's programs for dual competency teachers of visually impaired students. Orientation and mobility specialists with emphases available in early childhood, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Graduate (master's, doctoral) level programs in education of visually impaired students, orientation & mobility.  
**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Colorado Talking Book Library

180 Sheridan Boulevard  
Denver, CO 80226  
(303) 727-9277 or toll-free in Colorado (800) 685-2136  
FAX: (303) 727-9281  
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor  
Charmayne Wood, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** Library.

**County/District Where Located:** Denver County.

**Funded by:** Public funds; private donations.

**Budget:** \$449,518.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 10.5 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 10,500.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, physically and reading disabled persons.

**Area Served:** Colorado.

**Low Vision Aids:** CCTV available.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes, and large-type books and magazines. Recording and transcription services.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Braille Computer Center Boulder Public Library

P.O. Drawer H  
Boulder, CO 80306  
(303) 441-3098  
FAX: (303) 442-1808  
E-mail: gartenmannd@boulder.lib.co.us  
Donna Gartenmann, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Primarily Colorado but other states as well.

**Types/Content:** Text materials other than mathematics or music, including computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

#### Colorado Talking Book Library

180 Sheridan Boulevard  
Denver, CO 80226  
(303) 727-9277  
FAX: (303) 727-9281  
Barbara J. Goral, Supervisor

**Area Served:** Colorado.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/ cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Provided at no charge.

### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

2696 South Colorado Boulevard  
Suite 330  
Denver, CO 80222  
(303) 757-0787  
Nireen King, Executive Director  
Maureen Hart, Studio Director  
Bob Rubin, Board Chairman

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### RADIO READING

#### Radio Reading Service of the Rockies

5290 Arapahoe Avenue, Unit G  
Boulder, CO 80303  
(303) 786-7777  
David Dawson, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Boulder County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Sun. 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1900.

**Area Served:** Colorado and Wyoming.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

##### Rocky Mountain Affiliate

5026 E. Weaver Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80121-3519  
(303) 841-4202  
Robert E. Lee II, President  
Kathy Young, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.



**Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children (PAVIC)**

17011 East Berry Avenue  
Aurora, CO 80015  
(303) 693-0959  
Gayle Scheihing, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Arapahoe County.

**Mission:** Maintains parent support group, advocacy regarding care and education of visually impaired children.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired and blind.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals.

**Reading:** Information and referral services available.

**Preserve Sight Colorado**

3500 East 12th Avenue  
Denver, CO 80206  
(303) 399-8090  
FAX: (303) 399-9434  
Clem Spainhower, Executive Director

**Mission:** To preserve sight and prevent blindness.

**Funded by:** Private and public contributions only.

**Budget:** \$200,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951; Inc. 1964.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Glaucoma screening for adults.

**Educational:** Eye safety programs in schools and for industry.

**Preschools:** Preschool vision screening.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Referrals.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**Blind Outdoor Leisure Development**

**United States Association for Blind Athletes**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Rehabilitation Services  
Colorado Department of Human Services**

110 16th Street  
Denver, CO 80203  
(303) 620-2152  
FAX: (303) 620-4189  
Kenneth Schmidt, Ph.D.,  
Administrator of Field Services  
Diana Huerta, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To assist individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities to attain a level of functioning that will enable them to enter, reenter, or maintain employment and enhance skills necessary for living independently.

**Funded by:** Federal, state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 200. Uses volunteers.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that interferes with employment or independent living.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Health:** Low vision aids or devices. Contracts and refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Vocational evaluation; individual counseling. Contracts and refers for other services.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling and teaching; in-service programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Contracts and refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Special programs for elderly, deaf-blind, blind and deaf persons.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; occupational skill development; vocational training; placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other services.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Local Offices:**

**Alamosa:** Division of Rehabilitation, 422 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 990, Alamosa, CO 81101, (303) 589-5158.

**Boulder:** 207 Canyon Boulevard, Suite 202, Boulder, CO 80302, (303) 444-2816.

**Colorado Springs:** Division of Rehabilitation, 1322 North Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-3316, (719) 574-2200.

**Denver:** Two Denver Highlands Bldg., 10065 E. Harvard, Suite 809, Denver, CO 80231, (303) 745-8112.

**Denver:** Rehabilitation Center, 2211 West Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80223, (303) 937-1226.

**Denver:** Services for Individuals Who Are Blind or Deaf, 600 Grant Street, Suite 302, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 894-2515.

**Durango:** 425 West Building, 835 Second Avenue, Durango, CO 81301, (970) 247-3161.

**Fort Collins:** Division of Rehabilitation, 2850 McClelland Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525, (970) 223-9823.

**Fort Morgan:** 625 W. Platte Avenue, P.O. Box 429, Fort Morgan, CO 80701, (970) 867-3068.

**Glenwood Springs:** Executive Plaza, 1512 Grand Avenue, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, (970) 945-9174.

**Golden:** Human Service Building, Suite 290, 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, (303) 271-4888.

**Grand Junction:** Division of Rehabilitation, 222 South Sixth Street, Room 215, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 248-7103.

**Greeley:** Division of Rehabilitation, 822 7th Street, Suite 4, Greeley, CO 80631, (970) 352-5180.

**Lamar:** Cedar Main Building, 1006 South Main Street, Lamar, CO 81052, (719) 336-7712.

**Limon:** PO Box 910, 820 Second Street, Limon, CO 80828, (719) 775-2342, ext. 7.

**Littleton:** 609 West Littleton Boulevard, Suite 100, Littleton, CO 80120, (303) 795-7954.

**Longmont:** 1707 North Main Street, Suite 302, Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 772-2612.

**Montrose:** 1010 South Cascade Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401, (970) 249-4468.

**Northglenn:** 11990 Grant Street, Suite 201, Northglenn, CO 80233, (303) 452-5875.

**Pueblo:** Services for Individuals Who Are Blind or Deaf, 720 North Main Street, Suite 320, Pueblo, CO 81003, (719) 544-1406.

**Rocky Ford:** 409 South Main, Rocky Ford, CO 81067, (719) 254-3358.

**Sterling:** 220 South Third Street, P.O. Box 592, Sterling, CO 80751, (970) 522-3737.

**Trinidad:** 134 West Main, Suite 2-4, Trinidad, CO 81082, (719) 846-4431.

## REHABILITATION

### Center for Independence

1600 Ute Avenue  
Suite 100  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
(970) 241-0315 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (970) 245-3341  
E-mail: nconklin@csn.org  
Mary Lynn McNutt, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides services to people with disabilities, encouraging control, direction, and independence in their lives.

**Funded by:** Grants, donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 7:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 3 part time. Volunteers for reading.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200/year.

**Eligibility:** Physical disability.

**Area Served:** 13 counties on western slope of Colorado.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and group counseling; support groups; also refers for community services.

**Educational:** Vocational and skill development for deaf, blind, and multiply disabled persons.

**Reading:** Information and referral services; braille instruction; reading aids.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living, communication skills; orientation/mobility; off-site training.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development, job retraining.

**Computer Training:** Available for training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids and magnifiers.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Home visits, outreach.

### Colorado Rehabilitation Center Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

2211 West Evans Avenue  
Denver, CO 80223  
(303) 937-1226  
Ron Landwehr, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To assist individuals whose disabilities result in barriers to employment.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Staff:** 8 full time rehabilitation teachers, 2 vocational development counselors, 1 vocational evaluator, 4 business enterprise consultants.

**Eligibility:** Blind and visually impaired persons who have a disability that has a significant impact on employment or independent living.

**Area Served:** Colorado.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive training in braille, typing, home and personal management, orientation/mobility and related training for personal and/or vocational use, either at home or in the rehabilitation center. Referrals for other services.

**Recreational:** Recreation and social activities.

**Employment:** Vocational assessment and consultation; job seeking and job skills services; job training and business and employment opportunities under the Randolph Shepherd Act.



**Computer Training:** Keyboarding and computer access.

For further information on local offices, see listing under State Services.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Rocky Mountain Region Office**

1880 South Pierce Street  
Suite 5  
Lakewood, CO 80232-7143  
(303) 934-9037 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (303) 934-2939  
Maureen McGowan, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive rehabilitation training and advocacy for deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**Age Requirements:** Fourteen years and older.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

**Assistive Technology Clinics The Childrens' Hospital**

1056 East 19th Avenue  
P.O. Box 410  
Denver, CO 80218  
(303) 861-6250  
FAX: (303) 764-8214  
E-mail: lange.michelle@tchden.org  
Michelle L. Lange, OTR

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification software; word processing; database software.

**Center for Independence**

1600 Ute Avenue  
Suite 100  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
(970) 241-0315  
FAX: (970) 245-3341  
E-mail: nconklin@csn.org  
Mary Lynn McNutt, Executive Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; closed-circuit television systems; mpu; training for instructors; optical character recognition systems.

**Colorado Easter Seal Society**

5755 West Alameda Avenue  
Lakewood, CO 80226  
(303) 233-1666  
Barbara Janes, Director of Rehabilitation Services  
Christine Newell, Camp Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Computer Training:** Broad spectrum of assistive technology.

**Colorado Rehabilitation Center Communications for the Visually Impaired**

2211 West Evans Avenue  
Denver, CO 80223  
(303) 937-1226  
Candiss Leathers, Services Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind**

33 North Institute Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 578-2100  
FAX: (719) 578-2239  
E-mail: bonnielee@kktv.com  
Bonnie Snyder, Educational Technologist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; telecommunication systems; training for instructors.

**♦ Low Vision Services**

**EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Colorado Ophthalmological Society**

1945 West 102 Avenue  
Denver, CO 80221-6346  
(303) 741-3937  
FAX: (303) 438-9062  
E-mail: eyesociety@aol.com  
David R. Scott, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Denver County.

**Colorado Optometric Association**

1600 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 863-9778  
FAX: (303) 863-9775  
Gwenne Hume, Executive Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS**

**Colorado Optometric Center Low Vision Clinic**

2736 Welton Street  
Suite 200

Denver, CO 80205  
 (303) 295-2402  
 FAX: (303) 295-1067  
 Peggy Futch, Executive Director  
 Julia Lampo, O.D., Clinical Director  
 Dr. Alpa Patel O.D., Director, Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Denver County.

**Mission:** To diagnose and prevent eye disease and disability through comprehensive vision care, including low vision services.

**Funded by:** Client fees; United Way; corporate and foundation support.

**Budget:** \$500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair-accessible. Some services delivered at home or job site.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry intern; low vision therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; special educator, by referral.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on a trial basis; rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment in one month.

#### **Porter Memorial Hospital Porter Low Vision Service**

2525 South Downing Street  
 Denver, CO 80210  
 (303) 778-5707  
 Barbara Meyer, Low Vision Consultant

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To assist the visually impaired with optical aids, non-

optical aids, daily living skills training, education and counseling.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling available.

**Educational:** Educate patients on optics, the eye, community resources and available assistive devices.

**Rehabilitation:** Functional training.

**Employment:** Training for specific job needs.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interviews when necessary.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Division of Aging and Adult Services**

#### **Colorado Department of Human Services**

110 16th Street  
 Suite 200  
 Denver, CO 80202-5202  
 (303) 620-4147 or Adult Protection and Elder Rights (800) 773-1366  
 FAX: (303) 620-4189  
 Rita Barreras, Manager

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Rehabilitation Services**

#### **Colorado Department of Human Services**

110 16th Street  
 Suite 200  
 Denver, CO 80202  
 (303) 620-4152 or (303) 620-4181  
 Sharon Mikrut, Administrator  
 Ken Schmidt, Field Services Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



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## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 249-8525  
FAX: (860) 278-6920  
Kenneth R. Tripp, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hartford County.

**Mission:** To provide the most appropriate individualized education programs in the least restrictive settings possible for every eligible blind or visually impaired student.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$8.7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** 950.

**Eligibility:** Statutory blindness or impaired vision.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 5-21.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Full range of counseling programs available.

**Educational:** Instruction in specialized curriculum related to blindness. Provides adapted books, supplies, and assistive technology.

**Recreational:** Summer camp opportunities.

**Employment:** Transition school-to-work programs.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology training.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Professional Training:**

Development programs for regular and special education teachers.

For information about local facilities, contact the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Bureau of Early Childhood Education and Social Services Connecticut Department of Education

25 Industrial Park Road  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 638-4208  
FAX: (860) 638-4218  
George Coleman, Part H  
Coordinator

### SCHOOLS

#### Oak Hill School Connecticut Institute for the Blind

120 Holcomb Street  
Hartford, CT 06112  
(860) 242-2274  
FAX: (860) 242-3103  
Lars Guldager, Ph.D., Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hartford County.

**Mission:** To set the standard for the quality of life of, and to advance the inherent dignity of people with blindness, visual impairment and other physical and

mental disabilities through safe, cost-effective training, education, vocational and residential programs.

**Funded by:** Public funds, federal grants, contributions, and endowment.

**Budget:** \$40 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/day.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Almost 1,000 (full and part time).

**History/Date:** Est. and inc. 1893.

**Number of Clients Served:** 375.

**Eligibility:** Children and adults with multiple disabilities.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 2 years, 8 months.

**Health:** Occupational, physical, speech therapies; medical; dental; 24-hour nursing services; numerous consultants.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social casework; social and rehabilitation guidance.

**Educational:** Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for each student; overall plans of service (OPs) for each adult.

**Professional Training:** Coordinated by full-time staff development specialist. Initial and on-going training for all direct care staff, professionals and paraprofessionals.

**Reading:** Large-print books and cassettes.

**Residential:** 75 group homes in 41 towns serving students and adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Emphasis on daily living skills; personal management; behavior management; orientation/mobility; leisure time activities.

**Recreational:** Age-appropriate activities utilizing community facilities; summer camp on shores

of Long Island Sound; greenhouse program for elderly people.

**Employment:** Supported employment in community.

**Computer Training:** Available for people with visual impairments.

**Low Vision:** Text to Braille translation available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Adaptive computer equipment such as speech synthesizers and enlarged screens.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 249-8525  
FAX: (860) 278-6920  
Kenneth R. Tripp, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Hartford County.

**Mission:** To provide the most appropriate, individualized education services and programs for each eligible blind or visually impaired child in his or her natural environment.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$960,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 7 full time (teachers of visually impaired children).

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Eligibility:** Statutory blindness or impaired vision.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision exams. Home-based and

itinerant vision services to public schools and private agencies for preschool visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available by consultation.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

**Preschools:** Instruction in all developmental areas.

**Computer Training:** Pre-braille computer training.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for teachers and aides. Consultation available for schools and private agencies.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Oak Hill School Connecticut Institute for the Blind

120 Holcomb Street  
Hartford, CT 06112  
(860) 242-2274  
FAX: (860) 769-3807  
Anna Eddy, Director

**Funded by:** Local school districts.

**Located at:** Group homes and classrooms in various community settings.

**Age Requirements:** Ages 6-22.

**Assessment:** Multi-handicap with mental retardation.

Operates satellite programs throughout the state.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 566-5800, ext. 211  
FAX: (860) 278-6920  
William Dessin, Contact Person

**Groups Served:** PreK-12.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

### Connecticut State Library Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

198 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
(860) 566-2151 or toll-free in Connecticut (800) 842-4516  
FAX: (860) 566-6669  
URL: <http://www.cslnet.ctstate.edu/lbph.htm>  
Carol A. Taylor, Library Director  
Gordon Reddick, Circulation Librarian

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., 10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.

Regional library supplying recorded and braille books and magazines and necessary playback equipment to eligible state residents unable to read conventional print because of a visual or physical disability.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

**Connecticut Braille Association**  
664 Oakwood Avenue



West Hartford, CT 06110  
(860) 953-9692  
FAX: (860) 953-9692  
Yolanda M. Rossi, Executive  
Secretary, Large Type Division

**Area Served:** Primarily  
Connecticut but will copy our  
master for any out-of-state source.  
**Groups Served:** K-12, college  
students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.  
**Media Formats:** Large-print  
books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.  
Listings available from American  
Printing House for the Blind,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

**Connecticut Braille Association**  
44 Imperial Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880  
(203) 227-5243  
Eileen Akers, President  
Marguerite Smith, Vice President

**Area Served:** Nationwide.  
**Groups Served:** None specified.  
**Types/Content:** None specified.  
**Media Formats:** Braille/large-  
print books. Computer braille.  
**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Darien Community Association  
Program for the Blind**  
274 Middlesex Road  
Darien, CT 06820  
(203) 655-8554  
Siv Safwat, Chairperson

**Area Served:** Connecticut.  
**Groups Served:** K-12; college  
students; other adults.  
**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational.  
**Media Formats:** Talking books/  
cassettes.  
**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic  
Connecticut Unit**  
209 Orange Street  
New Haven, CT 06510  
(203) 624-4334  
FAX: (203) 865-0203  
E-mail: connecticut@rfgd.org  
Ann Fortunato, Studio Director  
Peter DiLeo, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
New Haven County.

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

## RADIO READING

**Connecticut Radio Information  
System (CRIS)**  
589 Jordan Lane  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 956-3579  
FAX: (860) 956-2658  
E-mail: crisrad@courant.infi-net  
Mary Clare Quirk, Executive  
Director

**Funded by:** Public contributions  
and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a  
day.

**Staff:** 2 full-time, 3 part-time. 350  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness  
Connecticut Affiliate**  
P.O. Box 5162  
Hartford, CT 06518  
(203) 268-4538  
Leonard Roberto, President

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Connecticut**  
1275 Washington Street  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 347-2020 or toll-free in  
Connecticut (800) 850-2020  
FAX: (860) 347-0613  
E-mail: 104706.1100  
@compuserve.com  
Paul L. Blawie, President and CEO  
See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Grey House Publishing Company

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Connecticut State Board of  
Education and Services for the  
Blind**  
170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 566-5800  
FAX: (860) 278-6920  
Brian Sigman, Vocational  
Rehabilitation Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-  
state vocational rehabilitation  
program.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 130 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1893.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual  
impairment.

**Area Served:** Connecticut.

**Health:** Low vision service; aids  
and appliances. Diagnosis and  
evaluation of eye health;  
evaluation of eye treatment or  
prescription.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Consultation and referral

service; psychological testing and evaluation.

**Educational:** Preschool; elementary; secondary; college.

**Rehabilitation:** Optacon; personal management; orientation/mobility training.

**Recreational:** Refers for summer camp program.

**Employment:** Evaluation and prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; vending facility training; home employment programs.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

## REHABILITATION

### BESB Industries

114 Shield Street  
West Hartford, CT 06110  
(860) 566-1331 or (860) 566-8144  
FAX: (860) 953-4519  
N. J. (Chip) Gorra, Director,  
Division of Industries

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides business enterprise programs, vocational rehabilitation, adult services, and children's services to visually impaired and blind children and adults.

**Funded by:** State of Connecticut.

**Budget:** \$6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 30.

**Number of Clients Served:** 242.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind (adults); visually impaired (children).

**Area Served:** Connecticut.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** On an individual basis.

**Professional Training:** Workshops on site; training in

collaboration with local colleges and universities; in-service training for staff.

**Reading:** Instruction in using braille and adaptive reading devices.

**Recreational:** On individual basis in homes and schools.

**Employment:** Job development; job placement.

**Computer Training:** Individual training. Voice output, large-print output, braille output, CCTVs.

**Low Vision Aids:** Works in conjunction with Lions Vision Center for prescription devices; non-prescription devices available on site.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Refers.

### Local Offices:

**West Haven:** 281 Dogburn Street,  
West Haven, CT 06516, (203) 795-1390.

### Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center  
950 Campbell Avenue  
West Haven, CT 06516  
(203) 932-5711  
Mark Hieftje, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 249-8525  
FAX: (860) 278-6920  
Brian Sigman, Vocational  
Rehabilitation Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

### Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation

P.O. Box 142  
Bloomfield, CT 06002  
(860) 243-5200  
FAX: (860) 243-7215  
Charles Kaman, President

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**Mission:** Mobility training with dog guides.

**Funded by:** Income from capital funds; voluntary donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 17.

**History/Date:** Breeding program est. 1962; training program est. 1981.

**Eligibility:** Serious visual impairment; good physical/mental health, and character.

**Area Served:** New England; New York.

**Age Requirements:** At least 16 years.

**Professional Training:** Orientation/mobility.



## ◆ *Low Vision Services*

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians

782 Bantam Road  
Bantam, CT 06750  
(860) 567-3787  
Debbie Osborn, Executive Director

#### Connecticut Association of Optometrists

638 Prospect Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06105-4298  
(203) 586-7508 or (800) 677-7714  
Sharon S. Bruce, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center Eye Clinic

VA Medical Center  
950 Campbell Avenue  
West Haven, CT 06516  
(203) 932-5711  
Charles Haskes, Optometrist

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind veterans only; referral by local Veterans Administration coordinator or social worker.

**Area Served:** East Coast from Maine to Virginia.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By telephone and questionnaire.

#### Rehabilitation Center Vision Rehabilitation Services

95 Hamilton Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 777-2000, ext. 270  
William V. Padula, O.D., Director

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; counselors; optometrist; speech therapists; physical therapist.

**Eligibility:** Vision impairment, neurological impairment, or physical disability.

**Low Vision:** On-site/in-home/place of employment training available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan or purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Connecticut Department of Social Services

##### Elderly Services Division

25 Sigourney Street  
10th floor  
Hartford, CT 06106-5033  
Information & Referral in state  
(800) 443-9946  
FAX: (860) 424-4966  
Christine Lewis, Director of Community Services

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind

170 Ridge Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 249-8525 or (800) 842-4510  
Tom Grossi, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information,

# DELAWARE

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Delaware Department of Public Instruction

John G. Townsend Building  
P.O. Box 1402  
Dover, DE 19903  
(302) 739-4601  
FAX: (302) 739-4654  
Michael C. Ferguson,  
Superintendent  
Martha Brooks, Director for  
Exceptional Children

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kent County.

**Mission:** To ensure a free,  
appropriate public education for  
children and youth with  
disabilities.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully  
accessible.

**Area Served:** Delaware.

For information about local  
facilities, consult the  
superintendent of schools in the  
area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Division of Management Services

#### Delaware Health and Social Services Birth to Three

2nd Floor, Main Bldg.  
1901 North DuPont Highway

Newcastle, DE 19720  
(302) 577-4647  
FAX: (302) 577-4083  
Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Part H  
Coordinator

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired

305 West Eighth Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 577-3333  
FAX: (302) 577-6100  
E-mail: lyoung@state.de.us  
Lynne Young, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for all visually  
handicapped persons from birth,  
with or without other handicaps.

**Funded by:** Federal funds, private  
donations, state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-  
4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 13 full time (includes  
teachers of visually handicapped  
children and of orientation/  
mobility). Has advisory committee  
with parent member.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 175.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment.  
Genetic counseling and other  
health services available by  
referral.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Child and parent  
counseling.

**Educational:** Full itinerant  
teaching services.

**Preschools:** Day care program.  
Instruction in all developmental  
areas.

**Recreational:** Beach house  
weekend for children; summer  
camp through the Association for  
the Blind; state chapter of  
Association of Blind Athletes.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams;  
eye exams if not covered by  
insurance.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired

305 West Eighth Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 577-6200, ext. 13  
FAX: (302) 577-6100  
Ann Hitchcock, Director, Materials  
Center

**Area Served:** State of Delaware.

**Groups Served:** Ages 0-21 and  
adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Delaware Division of Libraries

43 South DuPont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
(302) 739-4748 or TDD (302) 739-  
4739 or toll-free in Delaware  
(800) 282-8676  
FAX: (302) 739-6787  
E-mail: norman@lib.de.us  
URL: <http://www.lib.de.us>  
Anne E. Norman, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Library for the  
blind and physically handicapped.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time.



**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,400.

**Eligibility:** Unable to read standard print; national library service requirements.

**Area Served:** Delaware.

Regional library that is a division of the Department of State Services. Supplies talking books and playback equipment.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Delaware Association for the Blind

2915 Newport Gap Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19808  
(302) 994-9478

Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director  
Robert Emrick, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
New Castle County.

**Groups Served:** College students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, career/vocational, religious, personal needs and local publications.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** As requested.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Delaware Affiliate

Ten South Market Street Plaza  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 653-9200  
Marsha Ross Berman, O.D.,  
Contact Person

See The Foundation Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Division for the Visually Impaired

#### Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Herman Holloway Campus  
1901 North DuPont Highway  
Biggs Building  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 577-4731

Debra A. Wallace, Acting Director  
Beverly Eustis, Training Center Supervisor  
Dianne Grambau, Independent Living Services Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
New Castle County.

**Mission:** Services to all visually handicapped persons from birth, with or without other handicaps.

**Funded by:** Public funds, state and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1909.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation services.

**Educational:** Preschool and supportive services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; vocational training; vocational placement; vending facility training; sheltered workshops. Business enterprise services; sheltered workshop service.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Exams.

### REHABILITATION

#### Delaware Association for the Blind

800 West Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

(302) 655-2111 or (888) 777-3925

Linda S. Lauria, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 7 part time, 12 seasonal. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or severe visual impairment; Delaware resident.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referral to community services; peer counseling.

**Residential:** 22-bed camp dormitory for adults.

**Recreational:** Trips; arts and crafts; residential summer camps for adult blind; summer children's day camp; swimming; transportation.

### Delaware Industries for the Blind

1901 North DuPont Highway  
Biggs Building, Health and Social Services Campus  
New Castle, DE 19720

(302) 577-4760

FAX: (302) 577-4763

Alan B. Wingrove, General Manager, (302) 577-4751

**Type of Agency:** Affiliated with National Industries for the Blind.

**Mission:** Providing employment for blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** State funds; sale of products.

**Budget:** \$1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1909.

**Number of Clients Served:** 40.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Division for the Visually Impaired

#### Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

13 S.W. Front Street, MSSCA, Suite  
105

Milford, DE 19963

(302) 422-1570

FAX: (302) 422-1419

E-mail: beustis@state.de.us

Beverly Eustis, Sr. Rehabilitation  
Instructor

#### County/District Where Located:

Sussex County.

**Computer Training:** Speech  
output systems; screen  
magnification systems; braille  
access systems; optical character  
recognition systems; closed-circuit  
television systems; word  
processing; database software;  
computer operating systems;  
training for instructors.

## ◆ *Low Vision Services*

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology

#### Delaware Eye Associates

2006-B Foulk Road

Wilmington, DE 19810

(302) 475-2500

Dorothy M. Moore, M.D., President

### Delaware Optometric Association, Inc.

11 Par Haven, Building L

Dover, DE 19904

(302) 734-3511

Zannis Bousses, Executive Director

## ◆ *Aging Services*

## STATE UNITS ON AGING

### Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

#### Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

1909 North DuPont Highway

Administration Building, Annex  
Second Floor

New Castle, DE 19720

(302) 577-4791 or Information &  
Referral in state, University Plaza

Office (800) 223-9074 or Milford

office (800) 292-1515

FAX: (302) 577-4793

Eleanor Cain, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

### Division for the Visually Impaired

#### Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Health and Social Services

Campus

1901 North DuPont Highway

Biggs Building

New Castle, DE 19720

(302) 577-3333

FAX: (302) 577-4758

Deborah Wallace, Acting Director

Charles Gebhart, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### District of Columbia Special Education Branch

Goding School  
920 Tenth Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 724-4800 or (202) 724-7833  
FAX: (202) 724-5116  
Jeff Myers, Acting Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental funds for visually handicapped students in local schools. Maintains special teachers or sight conservation and braille programs on both the elementary and secondary levels.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention Program District of Columbia Department of Human Services

609 H Street, N.E.  
Fifth Floor  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 727-5930  
FAX: (202) 727-1687  
Joan Christopher, Program Manager

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Infant and Child Development Program Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1421 P Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 462-2900  
FAX: (202) 667-8095  
Dale Otto, President and CEO  
Peishi Wang, Director, Children's Program

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide blind and visually impaired people with programs, services and information that advances their ability to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

**Funded by:** Private donations and foundation grants.

**Budget:** \$2.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Special children's events on some Saturdays.

**Staff:** 31 full time; 12 part time; uses volunteers. Has board of trustees for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1900.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,400 annually.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Washington, DC.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and family support groups. Other related and support services available on referral.

**Educational:** Provides direct instruction in developmental areas. Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired infants, with or without other disabilities.

Education series offered for schools, churches, civic groups and corporations.

**Professional Training:** Career services available.

**Rehabilitation:** Adaptive skills; orientation and mobility training.

**Recreational:** Tours and activities with sighted guides.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology; speech synthesizers; braille printers; large print software programs.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

901 G Street, N.W., Room 215  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 727-2142 or TDD (202) 727-2255  
Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

**Mission:** Perform all duties involved with Library of Congress services to blind and physically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$275,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:45 AM-5:30 PM.

**Staff:** 11.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000.

**Eligibility:** All those who meet criteria set by the National Library Service of Congress.

**Area Served:** District of Columbia.

**Reading:** Taping service, some in-person reading.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, tape and large-type books. Kurzweil Reading Machine and closed-circuit television. Provides training on computer aids and devices.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1421 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 462-2900  
FAX: (202) 667-8095  
Dale Otto, President and CEO

**Area Served:** Washington metropolitan area: District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

**Groups Served:** Adults.

**Types/Content:** Short items.

**Media Formats:** Braille and cassette tape and large print.

**Title Listings:** Prices supplied on request.

### District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

901 G Street, N.W., Room 215  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 727-2142  
Grace J. Lyons, Librarian

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Provided at no charge.

### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic of Metropolitan Washington

5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20015  
(202) 244-8990  
FAX: (202) 244-1346  
Kay Marshall, Deputy Director

**Area Served:** Maryland and Virginia.

**Groups Served:** Visually handicapped and reading disabled.

**Types/Content:** Educational reading matter.

**Media Formats:** Audio tapes and computer disk.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue  
Suite 210  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 589-0894  
FAX: (301) 589-7281

See Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped in Maryland state listings.

## RADIO READING

### Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.

35 University Boulevard East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901  
(301) 681-6636  
FAX: (301) 681-5227  
E-mail: washear@his.com  
URL: <http://www.his.com/~washear/>  
Nancy Knauss, Administrative Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

**History/Date:** Est.1974.

**Area Served:** Maryland and Virginia.

See Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc. in Maryland state listings.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Greater Washington, DC Chapter

P.O. Box 255  
Washington, DC 20038  
(202) 362-3277  
Bonnie Seaton, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington

1775 Church Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 234-1010  
FAX: (202) 234-1020  
E-mail: [prvblind@pop.erols.com](mailto:prvblind@pop.erols.com)  
Arnold Simonse, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Prevents blindness by public/professional education screening programs, provision of care.

**Funded by:** United Way.

**Budget:** \$900,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Number of Clients Served:** 35,000.

**Area Served:** Washington, DC metropolitan area.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Y.

**Educational:** Videos and pamphlets on eye health and safety.

**Professional Training:** Nurses and allied health personnel.

**Low Vision:** Resource information.

**Publications:** Newsletter.

See also in national listings:

Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America

American Association of Retired Persons  
Disability Initiative

American Council of the Blind

Blinded Veterans Association

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International



**Council of Families with Visual Impairment****Deaf-Blind Program**

The National Academy, Gallaudet University

**Eye Bank Association of America****Governmental Relations Group  
American Foundation for the Blind****Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises****National Association of Area Agencies on Aging****National Association of Blind Teachers****National Association of State Units on Aging****National Association of Vision Professionals****National Council of State Agencies for the Blind****National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities****United Cerebral Palsy**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

**STATE SERVICES****District of Columbia  
Rehabilitation Services  
Administration  
Visual Impairment Section**

800 Ninth Street, S.W.  
4th Floor  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 645-5807  
FAX: (202) 645-3857  
Carolyn Wells, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Staff:** 6 full time. Uses volunteers.

**Eligibility:** Resident of D.C.; disability imposes vocational

handicap; potential for benefit from vocational rehabilitation; of an age still able to work.

**Health:** Contracts for most health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** College programs; vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training.

**Rehabilitation:** Contracts or refers for all rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment services.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### REHABILITATION

**Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind**

1421 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 462-2900  
FAX: (202) 667-8095  
Dale Otto, President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide blind and visually impaired people with programs and services that advances their opportunity to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

**Funded by:** District of Columbia government contract, contributions, product sales, investments, wills, and bequests.

**Budget:** \$2.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 32 full time, 13 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1900.

**Eligibility:** Anyone with a vision impairment that is not correctible with conventional lenses or medical treatment.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Washington DC.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Refers for all health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Infant and early intervention program for children with visual impairments, including multiple disabilities.

**Professional Training:** Internship/student teaching in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation and counseling.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral special collection; transcription to braille.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Adult program of recreational and social activities. Provides consultation to other agencies on special programs for visually impaired persons. Summer camp.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill development; vocational training; job retention; job retraining;

sheltered workshops; vocational placement. Refers for other employment services. Provides consultation to other agencies in vending facility training.

**Computer Training:** Basic word processing, training using assistive technology.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training in use of devices. Aids available for loan or purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped**

8720 Georgia Avenue  
Suite 210  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 589-0894  
FAX: (301) 589-7281

See Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped in Maryland state listings.

## **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Washington DC  
Ophthalmological Society**  
1145 19th Street, N.W.  
Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 833-1328  
Mary Henegan, Executive Director

**Optometric Society of the  
District of Columbia**  
7705 Cayuga Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
(301) 229-4990  
Virginia Martin, Director

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

**Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind  
Ferd Nauheim Low Vision Clinic**  
1421 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 462-2900  
FAX: (202) 667-8095  
Stephen J. Feinberg, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. and Wed. afternoons; Fri.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation counselor. Social worker, recreation programmer, vocational counselor available.

**Area Served:** Washington DC metropolitan area.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills; personal management; orientation and mobility.

**Computer Training:** Access and training on computer aids / devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training. Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

**Georgetown University Medical Center  
Center for Sight**  
3800 Reservoir Road  
Washington, DC 20007  
(202) 687-4448  
FAX: (202) 687-4978  
Dr. Howard Cupples, Chairman

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.

**Eligibility:** Physician referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

**George Washington University  
Medical Center  
Department of Ophthalmology**  
2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Floor 2A  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202) 994-4048  
FAX: (202) 994-4065  
Dr. John Zacharia, Chairman

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 4 months.

**Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
Ophthalmology Service**  
Georgia Avenue and Fern Street  
Washington, DC 20307-5001  
(202) 782-6964  
FAX: (202) 782-6156  
Kenyon K. Kramer, M.D., Chief,  
Ophthalmology Service

**County/District Where Located:** District of Columbia.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/technician.

**Eligibility:** Active or retired military; authorized veterans; authorized dependents.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.



**Low Vision:** Ophthalmology services, evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Office on Aging**

One Judiciary Square  
441 Fourth Street, NW  
Ninth Floor  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 724-5622  
FAX: (202) 724-4979  
Jearline Williams, Executive  
Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **District of Columbia Department of Human Services**

800 Ninth Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
(202) 645-5703  
Wayne Casey, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# FLORIDA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services Florida Department of Education

Suite 614

Florida Education Center

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

(904) 488-1570

FAX: (904) 487-2194

David Mosrie, Deputy Department Director

Shan Goff, Bureau Chief

Carol Allman, Consultant, Visually Impaired Programs

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of school programs for visually impaired students.

Provides assistance for in-service teacher training through state or regional workshops or technical assistance to individual programs. The Bureau also monitors public school districts and residential programs.

**Funded by:** Public funds; federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Florida.

**Educational:** Has a clearinghouse of materials available on request, related to the education of persons with disabilities.

**Professional Training:** Teacher recertification provided through workshops.

**Residential:** Associated with the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, St. Augustine, Florida.

**Rehabilitation:** Interagency cooperation with the Division of Blind Services.

**Computer Training:** Access, training on computer aids and devices varies among school districts.

**Low Vision:** Materials available on request.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Children's Medical Services

Building 6

1323 Winewood Boulevard

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(904) 488-6005

FAX: (904) 921-5241

Fran Wilbur, Part H Early

Childhood Coordinator

#### Office of Early Intervention and School Readiness

#### Florida Division of Public Schools/Department of Education

325 West Gaines Street

Suite 325

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

(904) 488-6830

FAX: (904) 487-0946

Patty Ball Thomas, Acting Director

Bessie Felton-Joseph, Program Specialist

### SCHOOLS

#### Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

207 North San Marco Avenue

St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 823-4000

FAX: (904) 823-4018 or (904) 823-4203

URL: <http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us>

Robert T. Dawson, President

Gerald W. Stewart, Principal of the Blind Department

Elmer Dillingham, Principal of the Deaf Department

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To provide an education for eligible visually impaired children grades pre-K through 12.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 620 full time including all departments, 100 full time in the Department for the Blind.

**History/Date:** Est. 1885.

**Eligibility:** 20/70 in best eye after correction; special needs with the exception of children whose disabilities include the categories of trainable mental handicapped, profound mental handicapped, severe emotional disturbance, autism or homebound / hospitalized, or suffer severe medical problems beyond the School's resources to manage.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** From 3 to 21 years of age.

**Health:** Occupational, physical and speech therapy; diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; general medical services; dental services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group and family / parent counseling; linkage with other agencies and community services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12; programs for college prep; general academic, and vocational / skill development. Cooperative school programs with the Division of Blind Services and St. Johns County School District.

**Preschools:** Preschool provided for 3 and 4 year olds.

**Professional Training:** In-service training program; tuition waivers to state universities; internship / practicum placement for student teachers in specific or general education areas.



**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large-print books; braille books and magazines; recorded magazines; access to regional talking book library, magnification copier; closed-circuit television; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Residential:** Girls' and boys' elementary dormitories; multihandicapped dormitory; high school dormitories designed to enhance daily living skills progressively. Independent living apartments for high school students. Sequential dormitory curriculum covering toileting/ personal hygiene, grooming/ dressing; eating skills/ food preparation; housekeeping skills/ clothing care; health and safety; family life/ interpersonal relationships; social and emotional skills/ etiquette; indoor/ outdoor recreation; leisure time activities; money management/ time skills; calendar/ telephone skills; career awareness/ work habits and attitudes.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; activities of daily living; orientation/ mobility; braille; typing; individual and group counseling; listening skills; use of video magnification and other low vision aids; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Afterschool recreation programs; active and leisure activities; arts and crafts; individual and team activities; clubs and hobby groups; swimming and wrestling teams; cheerleaders; scouting.

**Employment:** Prevocational/ vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational work-study program; cooperative career planning with Division of Blind Services-Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Computer Training:** Extensive computer lab. Computers in classrooms. Training in use of computers, adaptive aids, and devices. Full access for practical and professional use.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan.

### **Visually Impaired Program Hillsborough County Schools**

1202 East Palm Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33602  
(813) 273-7035  
FAX: (813) 273-7301  
Laura C. Brown, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Hillsborough County.

**Eligibility:** Must meet state Department of Education rules regarding visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Hillsborough County.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21.

**Educational:** Itinerant, resource room and special class placements for visually impaired students, preschool-grade 12, with or without other impairments. Provides instruction in daily living skills, orientation/ mobility, academic instruction, listening skills, specialized skills (braille, Nemeth Code).

**Computer Training:** Access to computers adapted for visually impaired persons. Variety of support services available on referral.

### **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

#### **Debbie School Mailman Center for Child Development**

1601 N.W. 12th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33136  
(305) 547-6961  
Janet Dacharme, Principal

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:** Dade County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313, private donations, state funds.

**Staff:** 20 full time, 2 part time, uses volunteers. Has advisory board.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** Dade County and Miami.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling. Variety of support and related services available by consultation or referral. Provides neonatal, psychosocial, and educational intervention.

**Educational:** Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas. Home- and center-based programs for visually impaired, multiply disabled, and nondisabled children, 0-5 years.

### **Division of Blind Services Florida Department of Labor**

2551 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(904) 488-1330  
Whit Springfield, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Gifts and donations, state funds, Title XX funds.

**Staff:** Social workers, rehabilitation teachers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling. Visual and other health services referred to children's medical services or other agencies.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling, with referrals to other facilities as needed.

**Educational:** Provides direct instruction. Home- and center-based programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other handicaps.

**Preschools:** Co-sponsors with Florida Lions Club twice yearly Camp Achievement, a preschool camp for the visually handicapped and their parents.

For Local Offices, see individual listings under Rehabilitation Services, State Services.

### **Merrick Educational Center**

39 Zamora Avenue  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
(305) 460-2909  
FAX: (305) 444-2855  
Michael Exelbert, Principal

**Type of Agency:** Public school program for visually handicapped, hearing impaired, and deaf-blind infants.

**County/District Where Located:** Dade County.

**Staff:** 4 full time (teacher of visually handicapped and hearing-impaired children).

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** Dade County.

**Age Requirements:** Birth-2 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling, genetic counseling.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams.

Home-based. Provides instruction in all developmental areas; immunizations available on referral.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

**Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Handicapped**

5002 North Lois Avenue

Tampa, FL 33614  
(813) 872-5281 or toll-free in Florida (800) 282-9193  
FAX: (813) 872-5284  
E-mail: daltons@mail.firn.edu  
Suzanne A. Dalton, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Hillsborough County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Florida.

**Groups Served:** Up to 21 years of age.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

Serves as an instructional materials center, coordinating procurement, storage, and distribution of educational materials needed by students with visual disabilities. Operates clearinghouse depository and production center for braille, large-print, and recorded text books. Provides training and ongoing technical assistance to instructional, support personnel and other appropriate groups, including students and parents, in the areas of materials production, technological applications, and instructional strategies as they relate to students with visual disabilities. Organizes volunteers (statewide) for materials production. Houses Assistive Technology Educational Network of Florida, Regional Lab #4, serving students, parents, and professional staff in west central Florida. Provides information, print resources, assessment training, workshops, equipment display/preview, product demonstrations and short-term loan of assistive devices.

### **UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS**

#### **Florida State University Visual Impairments**

College of Education  
209 Education Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-3024  
(904) 644-4880  
FAX: (904) 644-8715  
E-mail: lewis@mail.coe.fsu.edu  
URL: <http://www.fsu.edu/~spec-ed/spedvipr.html>  
Dr. Sandra Lewis, Visually Handicapped  
Purvis Ponder, Orientation and Mobility

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of students with visual impairments including multiple disabilities; master's programs for dual competency teachers of students with visual impairments/orientation and mobility specialists and rehabilitation teachers/orientation and mobility specialists.

**Distance Education:** Y.

### **◆ Information Services**

#### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Brevard County Library System Talking Books Library**

308 Forrest Avenue  
Cocoa, FL 32922-7781  
(407) 633-1810 or (407) 633-1811  
FAX: (407) 633-1790  
Kay Briley, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Broward County Talking Book Library**

100 South Andrews Avenue



Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
(305) 357-7555 or (305) 357-7413  
FAX: (305) 357-7413  
Joann Block, Librarian  
Subregional library.

### **Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Services**

420 Platt Street  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(904) 239-6000 or toll-free in  
Florida (800) 226-6075  
FAX: (904) 239-6069  
E-mail: weberd@mail.firn.edu  
Donald John Weber, Chief

**Type of Agency:** A bureau of the  
State of Florida Department of  
Education, Division of Labor.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Volusia County.

**Mission:** To provide books and  
magazines in braille and on disk  
and cassette to Florida residents  
unable to use conventional printed  
materials.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$802,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Building  
in compliance with ADA. Special  
cassette and record players can be  
adapted.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
40,000.

**Eligibility:** Inability to read  
conventional-size print for an  
extended period of time; inability  
to hold a book or turn the pages of  
a book or newspaper; reading  
disabilities such as dyslexia, with a  
doctor's certification.

**Area Served:** Florida.

**Educational:** Assistance in  
locating textbooks; volunteers  
braille college textbooks for  
students in Florida colleges and  
universities.

**Reading:** Books and magazines on  
cassette and disk and in braille.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sends catalogs  
only; does not sell items.

### **Dade County Talking Book Library**

Miami-Dade Public Library System  
150 N.E. 79th Street  
Miami, FL 33138  
(305) 751-8687 or TDD (305) 758-  
6599 or toll-free in Florida  
(800) 451-9544  
Barbara L. Moyer, Coordinator

Subregional library.

### **Hillsborough County Talking Book Library**

Tampa-Hillsborough County  
Public Library System  
900 North Ashley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33602-3788  
(813) 223-8349 or (813) 223-8858  
FAX: (813) 223-8278  
Suzanne M. Bell, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **Lee County Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

13240 North Cleveland Avenue,  
#5-6  
North Ft. Myers, FL 33903-4855  
(813) 995-2665  
Barbara Ferris, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **Talking Book Library Jacksonville Public Libraries**

1755 Edgewood Avenue West  
Suite 1  
Jacksonville, FL 32208-7206  
(904) 765-5588 or TDD (904) 630-  
2740  
FAX: (904) 768-7404  
Susan V. Arthur, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **Talking Books Palm Beach County Library Annex**

7950 Central Industrial Drive  
Suite 104  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404-9947  
(407) 845-4600  
Pat Mistretta, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **Talking Book Service**

Manatee Public Library System  
1301 Barcarrota Boulevard  
West Bradenton, FL 34205-7599  
(813) 749-7114 or TDD (813) 749-  
7113  
FAX: (813) 749-7191  
Frederick Duda, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **West Florida Regional Library Subregional Talking Book Library**

200 West Gregory Street  
Pensacola, FL 32501  
(904) 435-1760  
FAX: (904) 432-9582  
Martha L. Lazor, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

#### **Escambia County School District**

30 East Texar Drive  
P.O. Box 1470  
Pensacola, FL 32503  
(904) 469-5524  
Paul Fetsko, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Escambia County.

**Groups Served:** Public school day  
program, enrolled students, birth  
through high school graduation or  
age 21.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large print books.

### **Exceptional Student Education**

2757 West Pensacola Street

Tallahassee, FL 32304

(904) 487-7155

Beverley Blanton, Area Leader

### **County/District Where Located:**

Leon County.

**Groups Served:** Birth-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, worksheets.

**Media Formats:** Braille / large print books.

### **Palm Beach County Schools**

3378 Forest Hill Boulevard

Suite A 201

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

(407) 434-8000

Ray Davis, Director

### **County/District Where Located:**

Palm Beach County.

**Area Served:** School district.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, Braille and Speak.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

### **Pinellas County Schools**

301 Fourth Street, S.W.

Administration Building

P.O. Box 2942

Largo, FL 33770

(813) 588-6030

FAX: (813) 588-6441

Noreen Murphy Price, Supervisor

**Area Served:** Pinellas County.

**Groups Served:** Preschool-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career / vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

#### **Florida Unit**

6704 S.W. 80th Street

Miami, FL 33143

(305) 666-0552 or (800) 535-0552

FAX: (305) 667-2505

Christine McCarthy, Executive Director

Kathleen F. Craynock, Studio Director

### **County/District Where Located:**

Dade County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### **Temple Sisterhood Braille Group**

8727 San Jose Boulevard

Jacksonville, FL 32217

(904) 733-7078

Joan Madden, Chairperson

### **County/District Where Located:**

Duval County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, career / vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## **RADIO READING**

### **WGCU Radio Reading Service**

Florida Gulf Coast University

8111 College Parkway - Areca 216

Ft. Myers, FL 33919

(941) 432-5581

FAX: (941) 432-5586

E-mail: gsabatka@fgcu.edu

URL: <http://www.fgcu.edu>

Glenn Sabatka, Manager

### **County/District Where Located:**

Lee County.

**Funded by:** Department of Education; donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Office: 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Area Served:** Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **WLRN Radio Reading Service**

172 N.E. 15th Street, #222

Miami, FL 33132

(305) 995-2218

Becky Trantlem, Volunteer Coordinator

### **County/District Where Located:**

Dade County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Area Served:** Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

### **WMFE Radio Reading Service**

11510 East Colonial Drive

Orlando, FL 32817

(407) 273-1519

Renae Neiberlein, Reading Service Manager

### **County/District Where Located:**

Orange County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-11:00PM, Sat.-Sun. 8:00AM-11:00PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1963.

**Area Served:** Orange, Osceola, Flagler, Vossia Lake, Seminole and Brevard Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.



**WUSF Radio Reading Service**

University of South Florida, WRB  
209  
4202 E. Fowler Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33620  
(813) 974-4193  
FAX: (813) 974-5016  
JoAnn Urofsky, Director/Manager

**County/District Where Located:**

Hillsborough County.

**Funded by:** Florida DOE Grant,  
listener contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a  
day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Tampa and 60-mile  
radius from the city.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness****Central Florida Affiliate**

10332 Yorkmere Court  
Orlando, FL 32817  
(407) 687-4163  
Jed Berman, President  
Brenda Schoonover, Contact  
Person, (407) 788-0500

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness****North Florida Affiliate**

8149 Crosswind Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32244  
(904) 779-7606  
Barbara Libero, President

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness****Ormond Beach Affiliate**

3 Ellsworth Avenue

Ormond Beach, FL 32174  
(904) 677-2870  
Gladys B. Holton, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness****South Florida Affiliate**

1999 University Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33071  
(305) 341-6041  
Nick Fischler, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Florida**

3825 Henderson Boulevard  
Suite 402  
Tampa, FL 33629  
(813) 874-2020  
Sarah Jordan-Holmes, President

See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Association of Certified  
Orthoptists****Bible Alliance****Braille International****Gospel Association for the Blind****United States Blind Golfers  
Association**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Division of Blind Services**  
**Florida Department of Labor**  
2551 Executive Center Circle

Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(904) 488-1330  
FAX: (904) 487-1804  
Whit Springfield, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind;  
legally blind; visually impaired;  
deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** State, federal or  
private sources.

**Budget:** \$25 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 329 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind;  
pathology or injury threatening  
loss of vision in one or both eyes.

**Area Served:** State of Florida.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Contracts and refers for  
all health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Social evaluation;  
psychological testing and  
evaluation; individual, group,  
family/parent, couple counseling.  
Contracts, refers, and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
other counseling/social work  
services.

**Educational:** Remedial education.

**Professional Training:** Sensory  
training; internship/fieldwork  
placement in orientation/mobility;  
rehabilitation counseling; social  
work; rehabilitation teaching. In-  
service and short-term or summer  
training open to enrollment from  
other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book  
record players and cassette  
players; talking book records and  
cassettes; braille books; braille  
magazines; recorded magazines.  
Information and referral; special  
collection; transcription to braille;  
translation to other languages; tape  
recording services on demand.

**Residential:** Maintains a 54-bed residential rehabilitation center.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; orientation/mobility; contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for all rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job training; vocational placement; vending facility training.

Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices. Vocational training in computer applications.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up service.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Bradenton:** 5117 26th Street West, Suite A, Bradenton, FL 34207, (941) 751-7670.

**Daytona Beach:** Division of Blind Services, 1185 Dunn Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014, (904) 254-3824.

**Daytona Beach:** Bureau of Braille and Talking Books, 420 Platt Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, (904) 239-6000.

**Daytona Beach:** Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 1111 Willis Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014, (904) 258-4444.

**Fort Lauderdale:** Division of Blind Services, 3075 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 211, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, (954) 497-3360.

**Fort Myers:** Division of Blind Services, 2830 Winkler Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33916, (813) 278-7130.

**Gainesville:** Division of Blind Services, 417 S.W. 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32301, (352) 336-2075.

**Jacksonville:** Division of Blind Services, 1809 Art Museum Drive, Room 201, Jacksonville, FL 32207, (904) 348-2730.

**Miami:** Division of Blind Services, 401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Room S-714, Miami, FL 33128, (305) 377-5339.

**Orlando:** Division of Blind Services, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite 102, Orlando, FL 32801, (407) 245-0700.

**Panama City:** Division of Blind Services, 2611 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405, (904) 872-4181.

**Pensacola:** Division of Blind Services, 7200 North 9th Avenue, Suite A-11, Pensacola, FL 32504, (904) 484-5030.

**St. Augustine:** Division of Blind Services, P.O. Box 69, St. Augustine, FL 32085-0069, (904) 825-5084.

**St. Petersburg:** Division of Blind Services, 3637 Fourth Street, North, Suite 310, St. Petersburg, FL 33704-1335, (813) 893-2341.

**Tallahassee:** Division of Blind Services, 2003 Parkway Building, Room 201, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (813) 278-7130.

**Tampa:** Division of Blind Services, 415 South Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609, (813) 871-7190.

**West Palm Beach:** Division of Blind Services, Palm Beach County Regional Service Center, 111 Sapodilla Avenue, 1st Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33901, (305) 837-5026.

## **REHABILITATION**

### **Center for the Visually Impaired, Inc.**

1187 Dunn Avenue  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(904) 253-8879 or toll-free in  
Florida only (800) 227-1284  
FAX: (904) 253-9178  
E-mail: rehabone@msn.com  
Robert M. Hodge, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Community rehabilitation program.

**County/District Where Located:** Volusia County.

**Mission:** Provide independent living, adjustment to blindness, orientation and mobility, low vision and peer support services to the elderly legally blind.

**Budget:** FY1997: \$317,228.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985, Inc. 1988.

**Number of Clients Served:** 494.

**Eligibility:** Any nonvocational adult who is legally blind or at risk of becoming legally blind.

**Area Served:** Serves Flagler, Putnam and Volusia County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 55 years and older in the independent living program, working age adults and the elderly in the orientation and mobility program, and all ages in the low vision program.

**Health:** Classes for legally blind diabetics.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Adjustment to blindness counseling program and a self-help program.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living training and orientation and mobility training.



**Low Vision:** Low vision specialist every Wednesday to provide comprehensive low vision evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Comprehensive inventory of low vision aids and devices. CCTVs for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Publications:** Brochures on independent living classes, adjustment to blindness and low vision. Quarterly newsletter, *Eye Opener*.

**CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education)**

8807 Airport Boulevard  
Leesburg, FL 34788  
(352) 365-1544 or (800) 353-1544  
FAX: (352) 365-6970  
Robert Atchley, Program Coordinator  
Anita Mahan, Rehabilitation Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Lake County.

**Mission:** To promote independence and self-reliance in persons who are blind or visually impaired through instruction in independent living skills and counseling.

**Funded by:** United Way; Florida Division of Blind Services, grants.

**Budget:** 1995-6: \$162,600.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Also special evening programs.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessibility.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1989.

**Number of Clients Served:** 186.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired; adults; referrals from the Division of Blind Services; mentally / physically able to benefit from services.

**Area Served:** Lake and Sumter Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 55 years of age and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, and family counseling; peer counseling; refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling / social work.

**Reading:** Instruction, in braille, closed-circuit televisions, talking book cassette players and record players, and talking book cassettes and records. Transcription to braille and tape recording available upon request. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Training in personal and home management, communications, orientation and mobility, sensory awareness, and community resources. Instruction in class and in clients' homes as noncredit college curriculum.

**Recreational:** Training offered in arts and crafts, exercise, and games with emphasis on learning the skills at the center and using the skills in the home and community programs; also offers special interest programs and referral to existing community programs.

**Computer Training:** Voice-operated computers.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assistive low vision screening.

**CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education)**

215 East New Hampshire Street  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407) 898-2483  
FAX: (407) 895-5255  
Carol Adams, Director

**Type of Agency:** Comprehensive rehabilitation and training center for blind adults and families with blind children.

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; multidisabled.

**Funded by:** State; Division of Blind Services; United Way; private foundations; and individuals.

**Budget:** \$800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** ADA accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 19 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300-500 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness.

**Area Served:** Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and Sumter Counties. Others for short term training.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling / social work services. Provides consultations to other agencies. Peer counseling and support.

**Educational:** Program for adult continuing education; training for parents of blind preschool children. Support groups; Assistive Technology Resource Center; Vocational Training Placement.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training. Internship / fieldwork in rehabilitation counseling.

**Reading:** Volunteer readers matched with clients.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation / mobility; rehabilitation teaching;

low vision computer access technology; software training.  
**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; leisure activities.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; refers to other employment services; word processing / data base training.  
**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices; screen reading software; magnification software.

**Low Vision:** Screening and examinations.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up service.

### **Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind**

405 White Street  
 Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
 (904) 258-3441  
 FAX: (904) 258-1155  
 E-mail: ed@conklincenter.org  
 URL: <http://www.conklincenter.org>  
 Edward F. McCoy, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded clients and those with cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, orthopedic involvements, behavioral disorders and head injuries.

**Funded by:** Purchase of service agreement, donations, tuition and fees, investment income, grants.

**Budget:** 1996-97: \$1,459,904.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day.

**Program Accessibility:** Buildings and apartments are barrier-free. Changes in progress meet ADA requirements.

**Staff:** 37 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-96: 65.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment. Legally blind with secondary handicap; current audiological and psychological exam.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 12 years of age or older.

**Health:** Low vision services, general medical services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, family counseling. Contracts for neuropsychiatric services.

**Educational:** Programs for adult continuing education; adult basic education; remedial education; vocational / skill development.

**Preschools:** Consultation services available.

**Professional Training:** Internship / field work placement in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, rehabilitation teaching, and vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Talking book record players; cassette tape players; CCTVs; Kurzweil Readers; talking book records and tapes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on request.

**Residential:** Dormitory, on-site and off-site apartments and supported living services for adults who are multiply disabled.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation / mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's

home and community; remedial education; sensory training; supported living; supported employment. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; adult continuing education; bowling, swimming, track. Integration into community resources.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; supported employment, follow-along services. workshop services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Computer Training:** Training and computer aids and devices for personal use.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and services, on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aids and devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up service.

### **Florida Association of Workers for the Blind (Miami Lighthouse)**

601 S.W. Eighth Avenue  
 Miami, FL 33130  
 (305) 856-2288  
 FAX: (305) 285-6967  
 E-mail: [miamilighthouse@the-directory.com](mailto:miamilighthouse@the-directory.com)  
 URL: <http://www.the-directory.com/miamilighthouse>  
 Vernon Metcalf, Executive Director  
 Elly du Pré, DPA, Associate Executive Director  
 Frances Applebaum, Rehabilitation Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Dade County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired,



deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, contributions, grants.

**Budget:** 1997: \$1,719,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Vocational Training Unit: flexible hours.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible to disabled persons.

**Staff:** 35 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 350.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual problem interfering with lifestyle.

**Area Served:** Dade County.

**Transportation:** Y.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; self defense; peer counseling; diabetes education; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically disabled; anyone on evaluation basis. Programs: adult continuing education; personal adjustment training; computer training; paraprofessional training; summer children's program; job clinic.

**Preschools:** Counseling guidance and training of parents for child management and training.

#### **Professional Training:**

Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs. Open to

enrollment from other agencies.

Paraprofessional training with staff serving as adjunct professors at Miami Dade Community College; Rehabilitation Engineering - consult to individuals and corporations.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille and other languages.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; computer training; remedial education; sensory training. "Store" outlet sells aids and appliances.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; sailing; "u-pick" and other field trips.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; provides consultation for and refers to other agencies for employment-oriented services. Rehabilitation Engineering services for clients/employers.

**Computer Training:** Wide range of training available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided at cost.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up service for regular clients.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Miami:** SW Seven Court, Vocational Training Unit, Miami, FL 33130, (305) 856-3347.

#### **Florida Center for the Blind Incorporated**

7651 SW Highway 200 Suite 502

Ocala, FL 34476-3869

(352) 873-4700

FAX: (352) 873-4751

Marilyn Womble, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit; educational.

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Mission:** To develop and administer programs for persons who are blind (total/partial), oriented toward rehabilitation and assistance for such persons in adjusting to their environment. This will be accomplished through educational instruction, training in avocations, activities involving physical and social interaction, and emotional adaptive counseling, so as to promote the enhancement of such persons' independence, welfare, lifestyles and individual citizenship productivity.

**Funded by:** United Way; public funds.

**Budget:** \$350,480.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** ADA compliant.

**Staff:** 7.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Number of Clients Served:** 324.

**Eligibility:** Blind or near blind.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Clients must be able to handle their own personal needs.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups and adaptive counseling for the blind and their companions.

**Rehabilitation:** Assistance for the blind in adjusting to their environment, including independent living skills, mobility (use of the white cane), Braille, and use of adaptive aids and appliances.

**Employment:** Job skills training such as typing, computers with

speech, employability and electronic communications skills are offered.

**Computer Training:** Speech and screen magnification software, scanners, Type-N-Speak and Braille-N-Speak, etc.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Large display area and hands-on demonstrations of the latest in adaptive aids and appliances for the blind.

**Professional Training:** Training for FCB volunteers and staff, health care professionals, special education teachers, prison social workers, etc.

### **Independence for the Blind**

7201 North Ninth, Suite A-8

Pensacola, FL 32504

(904) 477-2663

FAX: (904) 479-4025

Dick Cloutier, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Escambia County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, multiple handicapped.

**Staff:** 4 full-time, 2 part-time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; referral through Division of Blind Services.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers to other health services.

**Educational:** Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; including those with wheelchairs.

**Professional Training:** Orientation/mobility.

**Reading:** Talking book record player; cassette tape player; talking book records and tapes; braille and

recorded magazines. Lends braille and large print books.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly. Refers for other recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Employment:** Assistance in job placement.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aids and devices.

### **Independence for the Blind**

1278 Paul Russell Road

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(904) 942-3658

FAX: (904) 942-4518

E-mail: blind@noblestar.net

URL: <http://www.noblestar.net/~blind>

Skip Koch, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Leon County.

**Mission:** Independent living services, vocational services, Assistive Technology.

**Funded by:** Donations, state contracts, earned income.

**Budget:** \$400,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All materials are provided in accessible format; facility is fully accessible.

**Staff:** 12. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** 325.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; desire to improve independent living skills and vocational skills.

**Area Served:** 11 counties of north central Florida.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Health:** Referrals for medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; counseling for individual/group/couples, support groups.

**Educational:** Adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** Speakers Bureau.

**Reading:** Book selection services; information and referrals; tape recording as requested; closed circuit television, talking computers, large print.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility, on- and off-site, vocational skills.

**Recreational:** Hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; referrals.

**Employment:** Career/skill counseling; occupational skill development; refers for placement. Supported employment on-site.

**Computer Training:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision:** Assistive low vision screening.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells, lends, rents.

**Publications:** Annual report and brochures in print, braille, and cassette format.

### **Independent Living for Adult Blind (ILAB)**

c/o Florida Community College at Jacksonville

101 West State Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 633-8220

FAX: (904) 632-5107

Rebecca Simpson, Director



**Type of Agency:** Rehabilitation facility.

**Mission:** To provide instruction in adjustment to blindness skills to visually impaired adults who wish to improve their level of independence and/or return to work.

**Funded by:** Florida Division of Blind Services, City of Jacksonville; Florida Community College at Jacksonville; donations.

**Budget:** \$233,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 180 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legal or total blindness; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Duval, Nassua, St. Johns Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Individual, group and family counseling; referral service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; communications skills; home management. Instruction provided as noncredit supplemental course.

**Computer Training:** Access training, which includes speech and magnified display software for IBM or compatibles. Offered as noncredit supplemental course.

**Low Vision:** Low vision screening for nonprescriptive assistive devices.

**Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches**

7810 South Dixie Highway

West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
(561) 586-5600

FAX: (561) 586-5630

William S. Thompson, President  
Dawn Clemons, Director,  
Development and Community  
Relations

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Palm Beach County.

**Mission:** To assist visually impaired persons to develop their capabilities to the fullest.

**Funded by:** Private donations, including bequests; government grants and fees; sale of products in Industrial Center Program; fee schedule for select services.

**Budget:** \$2.8 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Meets accessibility standards.

**Staff:** 30 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 6,000.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Coastal region of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties.

**Age Requirements:** All ages served; eligibility for some services based on age.

**Health:** Refers to appropriate health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Individual, family, and group counseling available; Support groups available.

**Preschools:** Comprehensive, full-time early intervention and preschool services for blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled blind children from birth to age 5.

**Professional Training:** Field work, observations and internships in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, social work, and special education; public education programs including speaker's bureau, films, demonstrations.

**Reading:** Refer to talking book, large-print, and braille resources; provides direct instructions in braille and adaptive technology and equipment for reading.

**Rehabilitation:** Training for persons 55 years and older in home or on-site; personal management, communications skills, orientation/mobility. Information and referral service provided.

**Employment:** Work evaluations; training, and job placement for Industrial Center, which provides permanent, full-time employment for adults in manufacturing plant. Referral to other job training and placement sites.

**Computer Training:** Computer skills assessment and computer training; adaptive hardware and software.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision evaluation, training, and follow-up.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and fitted; training; return policy.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed for further assessment, training, and adjustments.

**Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind**

8610 Galen Wilson Boulevard  
Port Richey, FL 34668

(813) 815-0303

FAX: (813) 815-0203

Roxann Mayros, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Pasco County.

**Mission:** Comprehensive rehabilitation.

**Funded by:** United Way, Board of County Supervisors, Florida Division of Blind Services.

**Budget:** 1996-97: \$400,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 12; uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; or with a condition leading to blindness.

**Area Served:** Pasco and Hernando Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adults: 14 years and up. Children: 0-5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for individuals/ groups; refers for school/ training placement and community services.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs for human services personnel, summer classes, open enrollment, job preparation and transition to workplace.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living/ communication skills; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Arts/ crafts; hobby groups; programs for elderly; bowling.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development; supported employment; consultant to other agencies for vocational placement.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Refers to low vision clinics and services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Optician works with magnifiers and low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Training in use of low vision aids.

**Local Offices:**

**Spring Hill:** Rehabilitation Center, 7505 Forest Oaks Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL 34606, (352) 666-7007.

**Lighthouse of Broward County**

650 North Andrews Avenue

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

(954) 463-4217

FAX: (954) 764-3825

Vicki Hersen, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Broward County.

**Mission:** To provide services for totally blind; legally blind; learning disabled blind; mentally retarded blind. To train and rehabilitate persons with vision loss to lead safe, useful, productive, and independent lives.

**Funded by:** United Way; state Division of Blind Services and county funds; donations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$540,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 14 full time, 2 part time; uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,866.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or impending blindness within 5 years.

**Area Served:** Broward County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Children's camp and outreach: 12 years and under. Week day rehab program: 18 years and up.

**Health:** Refers for medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; peer support groups; individual, group, and couple counseling; training placement; referral to community

services. Refers for other counseling/ social work services.

**Educational:** Vocational/ skill development for persons with vision impairment of all abilities.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training.

**Reading:** Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/ mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; summer youth program.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for other recreational/ leisure services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement.

**Mana-Sota Lighthouse for the Blind**

7318 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34243

(941) 359-1404

FAX: (941) 359-2373

E-mail: lighthse2@aol.com

Kathy L. Handra, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Manatee County.

**Mission:** Services to blind and visually impaired youth and adults.

**Funded by:** Florida Division of Blind Services, Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and other donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 8.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.



**Number of Clients Served:** 167 adults, 35 children in 1996.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Educational:** Transitioning into local schools.

**Rehabilitation:** Instruction in independent living skills and orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** For demonstration purposes; none for purchase.

**Pinellas Center for the Visually Impaired, Inc. (PCVI)**

6925 112th Circle

Suite 103

Largo, FL 33773

(813) 544-4433

FAX: (813) 544-5511

Stephen S. Barrett, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** State and local contracts, private resources and PCVI Foundation.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 35.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,762.

**Area Served:** Pinellas County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Group, individual and family counseling. Support groups. Referrals to community agencies.

**Educational:** In-service training available to other agencies and

nursing homes. Speakers available for public education.

**Reading:** Information and referrals for talking record players and cassette players, talking book records and cassettes, large-print books, braille books, closed-circuit TVs. Radio reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal and home management, braille, handwriting, typing, orientation and mobility training. Services provided at center and in home. Low vision services. KIDS program: early intervention and training, parent education, and counseling.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts, social group, speakers and special event activities.

**Employment:** Vocational services coordinated with local office of the Division of Blind Services. Job placement services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic providing screening, optometric examinations, training in use of low vision aids and devices.

**Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind**

1106 West Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

(813) 251-2407

FAX: (813) 254-4305

C. E. Olstrom, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To maximize independence and provide employment opportunities for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** State of Florida, purchase of services agreement, industry sales, United Way, contributions.

**Budget:** 1996: \$3,815,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 30 full-time, 1 part-time. Volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1940.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 602.

**Eligibility:** Adults only; totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and multiply impaired blind or visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Primarily Hillsborough and Polk Counties; some surrounding counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluations; counseling: individual, group, family/parent, couple; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; kitchen skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for electronic mobility aids. Center-based and community-based instruction.

**Recreational:** Recreation therapy.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; on-the-job training program; industry program; vocational placement.

**Low Vision:** Screening; optometric examination; training in use of special aids and devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Available.

**Local Offices:**

**Lakeland:** Lighthouse for the Blind, 3204 Winter Lake Road, Unit 6, Lakeland, FL 33803, (813) 667-1717, FAX (813) 665-4767, Al Garrett, Production Manager, Industries Program.

**Winter Haven:** Lighthouse for the Blind, 198 Avenue E., N.W., Winter Haven, FL 33881, (941) 299-3633, FAX (241) 299-3559, Robin Whiteley, Supervisor, Rehabilitation Program and Low Vision Clinic.

### **Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida**

P.O. Box 3464  
North Ft. Myers, FL 33918-3464  
(941) 997-7797  
FAX: (941) 997-8462  
E-mail: wardol@peganet.com  
Marian M. Geiger, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lee County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** State grant; county contract; United Way; community funding; private contributions.

**Budget:** 1996-97: \$401,790.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Fri. 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 11 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 725.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Southwest Florida.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adults.

**Health:** Recreational therapy. Refers and contracts for other health services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement; regular in-service program. Public education program, including films, demonstrations, and speakers.

**Reading:** Lends braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines; descriptive videos and recorded books. Book selection service; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on request; closed circuit television.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille; typing; handwriting; remedial education; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Services provided primarily at the center. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts & crafts programs; special interest events; speakers and activities; trips. Weekend programs.

**Employment:** Job development for computer students.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices. Rehabilitation engineering assistance available.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic providing screening, examination, and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Spectacles and low vision aids and devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education)**

215 East New Hampshire Street  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407) 898-2483  
Carol Adams, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

Training available for both children and adults; wide variety of training for visually impaired and multiply disabled children available.

#### **Division of Blind Services Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security**

401 Platt Street  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(904) 254-3856  
FAX: (904) 252-3800  
Jerry Little, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Volusia County.

**Computer Training:** 2 full-time instructors; training duration: 6 months.

#### **Florida Association of Workers for the Blind**

601 S.W. Eighth Avenue  
Miami, FL 33130  
(305) 856-2288  
FAX: (305) 285-6967  
E-mail: ellydu@dcfreenet.seflin.lib.fl.us  
URL: <http://www.the-directory.com/miamilighthouse>  
Elly du Pré, DPA, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Dade County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Works in conjunction with other training programs for disabled or



mainstream persons for additional software training and placement.

### **Independence for the Blind**

1278 Paul Russell Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(904) 942-3658  
FAX: (904) 942-4518  
E-mail: blind@noblestar.net  
URL: <http://www.noblestar.net/~blind>  
Jim Breen, Assistive Technology Instructor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Leon County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### **Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches**

7810 South Dixie Highway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
(407) 586-5600  
FAX: (407) 586-5604  
Kim Smith, Director of Rehabilitation

**County/District Where Located:**  
Palm Beach County.

**Computer Training:** Training in adaptive hardware and software. Speech output, magnifiers, braille access systems.

### **Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind**

1106 West Platt Street  
Tampa, FL 33606  
(813) 251-2407  
FAX: (813) 254-4305  
Sheryl Brown, Supervisor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing;

database software; computer operating systems.

### **DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**

#### **Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.**

4210 77th Street East  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
(941) 729-5665  
FAX: (941) 729-6646  
R. Michael Sergeant, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Manatee County.

**Mission:** Training of dogs and blind individuals for mobility purposes.

**Funded by:** Private donations, business groups, foundations.

**Budget:** 1997: \$1,000,400.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 26 full-time, 13 part-time, plus volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 120 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind; good physical health; financial competence to care for a dog.

**Area Served:** Southeastern U.S.

**Age Requirements:** 17 years or older.

**Reading:** Talking book records/tapes; large-print books; braille/recorded magazines; tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; follow-up services/with graduate in home or office area.

**Publications:** Newsletter printed four times a year.

## **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Florida Society of Ophthalmology**

1133 West Morse Boulevard  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
(407) 647-8839  
Marjorie Stealey, Executive Director

#### **Florida Optometric Association**

P.O. Box 13429  
Tallahassee, FL 32317  
(904) 877-4697  
Mark Landreth

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital**

P.O. Box 016880  
Miami, FL 33101  
(800) 329-7000 or (305) 326-6136  
FAX: (305) 326-6417  
Dr. Charles J. Pappas, Director of Optometric Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

**Mission:** Improvement of visual function with optical and non-optical devices.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrists; low vision technician.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200 annually.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmology referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** State representative available on premises.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as necessary, generally 2 weeks follow-up recommended on loaned aids.

**Local Offices:**

**Palm Beach Gardens:** Eye Institute, 7108 Fairway Drive, Suite 340, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33148, (561) 515-1500.

**CITE (Center for Independence, Technology and Education) Low Vision Screening and Education Clinic**

215 East New Hampshire Street  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407) 898-2483  
FAX: (407) 895-5255  
Carol Adams, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Mission:** To provide quality services, education, and training to the community to enhance the lives of people with visual impairments, blindness and multiple disabilities.

**Funded by:** Federal and public funds, private donations.

**Budget:** \$305,615.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** ADA compliant.

**Staff:** Adaptive technology specialist; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; special educator; recreation programmer.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,043.

**Eligibility:** Referral; current ophthalmological or optometric report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited for technology program. Central Florida for independent living skills program for adults who are blind.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Reading:** Mail- and newspaper-reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** 15-week training program for adults who are blind/visually impaired.

**Recreational:** Leisure activities training program.

**Employment:** Limited assistance with preemployment skills.

**Computer Training:** Access; training; assistive technology.

**Low Vision:** Screening and clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; on-site, in-home or office training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

**Halifax Hospital Medical Center Eye Clinic**

303 North Clyde Morris Boulevard  
Suite 100  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(904) 254-4103  
James W. Clower, M.D.  
Margaret Davis, Orthopist

**County/District Where Located:** Volusia County.

**Mission:** To provide complete work-ups including specialized testing in an attempt to aid the patient with various high-powered telescopic lenses, microscopic lenses, prisms, high plus lenses, stand and hand magnifiers, closed circuit TV readers.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, By appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; orthoptist, RNs.

**Eligibility:** Referred by an ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social workers available in the medical center. Assistance, counseling, and training in the use of the low vision aids is given.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Immediate and as needed.

**Hope Haven Children's Clinic Low Vision Clinic**

4600 Beach Boulevard  
P.O. Box 17607  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
(904) 346-5100  
Thomas Quinlan, Director  
Jean Brightwell, Administrative Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Duval County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundations.

**Eligibility:** All ages, children through 18; generally visual acuity of 20/70 or less; ophthalmological exam within the last year.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

Financial assistance available to children.

**Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches**

7810 South Dixie Highway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
(561) 586-5600  
FAX: (561) 586-5604  
Michelle DeJisi, Low Vision Counselor



**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To assist blind and visually impaired persons to develop their capabilities to the fullest.

**Funded by:** Private donations, including bequests; government grants and fees; sale of products provided in Industries Program; and fee schedule for select services.

**Budget:** 1995: \$1.6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Meets accessibility standards.

**Staff:** Low vision counselor and optometrist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1988.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 972.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** 5 counties; Palm Beach, Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and family.

**Professional Training:** Internships, field study, in-service training.

**Rehabilitation:** Vision rehabilitation, referral, and coordination to other rehabilitation services, including orientation and mobility, and rehabilitation teaching.

**Employment:** Coordination with job placement counselor.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision evaluation, training, and follow-up.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and fitted; training; return policy.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed for further assessment, training, and adjustments.

### **Low Vision Center Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind**

1106 West Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

(813) 251-2407

FAX: (813) 254-4305

Sheryl Brown, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hillsborough County.

**Mission:** To maximize independence and provide employment opportunities for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Division of Blind Services, United Way, and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrists; low vision technician.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Screening; optometric examinations; training in the use of special aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Available.

### **University of Florida Eye Center, Low Vision Service**

Box 100284, JHMHC

University of Florida College of Medicine

Gainesville, FL 32610

(352) 392-3451

G. M. Hope, Ph.D., Director, Low Vision Services

**County/District Where Located:** Alachua County.

**Funded by:** Client fees, state government.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. and Thurs.

**Staff:** Department of Ophthalmology.

**Eligibility:** Referrals.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training in low-vision devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies.

### **Veterans Administration Hospital**

#### **Low Vision Service, Eye Clinic**

13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33612

(813) 972-7674

FAX: (813) 822-7570

Ken Tayant, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Hillsborough County.

**Mission:** Veteran health and eye care.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** 2 days per month, by appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** Veteran; referral only.

**Low Vision Aids:** On loan for trial purposes; no rental charges; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Florida Department of Elder Affairs**

4040 Esplanade Way

Building B, Suite 152

Tallahassee, FL 32399

(904) 414-2000

FAX: (904) 414-2002

Bentley Lipscomb, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Florida Division of Blind Services**

2551 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(904) 488-1330 or (800) 342-1828  
Marie Beauford, Bureau Chief

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# GEORGIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Georgia State Department of Education Division of Exceptional Students

1870 Twin Towers East  
Atlanta, GA 30334-5040  
(404) 656-6317  
Paulette Bragg, Director, Division  
for Exceptional Students,  
(404) 656-3963  
Marlene Bryar, Coordinator, Low  
Incidence  
Ron Colarusso, Director of Special  
Education, Georgia State  
University, Urban Life Plaza,  
Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 658-2310  
Mary Phagan, Consultant  
Toni Waylor-Bowen, Consultant,  
Pre-School

**Type of Agency:** State  
Department of Education.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

**Mission:** Provides consultation on  
educational services for local  
schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

Purchases and distributes braille  
and large-type books and  
materials.

Contact local school  
superintendent for program  
availability.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention Programs Division of Public Health Georgia Department of Human Resources

Two Peachtree Street  
Room 7-315  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 657-2727  
FAX: (404) 657-2763  
Eve Bogan, Director  
Wendy Sanders, Early Childhood  
Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue  
Macon, GA 31204  
(912) 751-6083  
FAX: (912) 751-6659  
E-mail: gablib@mindscreen.com  
Richard E. Hyer, Jr.,  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Bibb County.

**Mission:** To provide educational  
opportunities to visually impaired  
and multiply disabled school age  
students.

**Funded by:** State and federal  
funding.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a  
day.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully  
accessible.

**Staff:** 132 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1852.

**Number of Clients Served:** 175.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Georgia;  
legally blind or legally blind-  
multiply disabled; mentally  
impaired; hearing impaired.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Spectacles or low vision  
aids or devices. General medical  
services; occupational and physical  
therapy; speech therapy. Refers for  
other health services.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self- Help:

Social evaluation;  
psychological testing and  
evaluation; individual, group,  
family/parent counseling;  
placement in school. Provides  
consultation to other agencies.  
Refers to community services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12.  
Accepts the visually impaired and  
visually impaired-multiply  
disabled. Programs for college  
prep; general academic;  
vocational/skill development.

**Preschools:** For children aged 3  
and 4.

#### Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in  
orientation/mobility;  
rehabilitation counseling; social  
work; special education; vocational  
rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Talking book record  
players and cassette players;  
talking book records and cassettes;  
braille books; large-print books;  
braille magazines; recorded  
magazines. Transcription to braille;  
book selection services; Optacon  
and Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Residential:** Dormitories are  
available for students.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
management; handwriting;  
listening skills; typing; home  
management; orientation/  
mobility; remedial education;  
sensory training.

**Recreational:** Afterschool  
programs; arts and crafts; bowling;  
swimming; track; wrestling;  
softball; indoor games;  
cheerleading; intramural sports;  
scouting.

**Employment:** Prevocational and vocational evaluation; career counseling; occupational skill development; vocational placement. Refers for noncompetitive settings through rehabilitation services.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### BEGIN

#### (Babies Early Growth Intervention Network)

#### Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30308

(404) 875-9011

FAX: (404) 607-0062

Anne McComiskey, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Full Service; rehabilitation.

**County/District Where Located:** Fulton County.

**Mission:** Support through information and skill development.

**Funded by:** Public and private monies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Eligibility:** Blind or severely visually impaired.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to age 5.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Counseling, support, and information for parents and families.

**Educational:** Early intervention services for children designed to provide stimulation and growth in all developmental areas. Center-based and home-based services available.

**Computer Training:** Introduction to technology skills.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** For sale and for loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

(912) 751-6083

FAX: (912) 751-6659

E-mail: gablib@mindscreen.com

Faye Mullis Taylor, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Bibb County.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1852.

**Age Requirements:** 3-22 years.

**Assessment:** Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluation for visually impaired students.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Provides ongoing consultation/technical assistance to local school systems; an annual workshop for teachers of the visually impaired; quarterly newsletters to teachers of the visually impaired.

**Direct Service:** Educational placement; psychoeducational evaluations for students who attend schools in the local educational agency (LEA). All braille and large-print books for legally blind students in Georgia are ordered through the LEA Resource Center at the academy.

**Parent Assistance:** As needed or requested. Parents of academy students and of students in public school are provided information about technology for visually impaired, special parent workshops, summer camps, and educational programs.

**Materials Production:** For use by students enrolled at the academy; achievement tests are thermoformed and distributed to the LEA.

**Professional Training:** Teachers, instructional aides, and houseparents receive ongoing staff development to receive appropriate certification.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### LEA Resource Center

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

(912) 751-6096

FAX: (912) 751-6659

Marie Amerson, Teacher/Consultant

**County/District Where Located:** Bibb County.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, large print books.

**Title Listings:** An inventory listing of braille and large-print textbooks is produced annually for titles available within the state.

Acts as a clearinghouse rather than a depository.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Georgia State University

Department of Special Education

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 651-2310

Dr. Kathryn Heller, Project Director

**County/District Where Located:** Fulton County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) program in visual impairment; add-on certification in visual impairment.



## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Albany Library for the Blind and Handicapped**

Dougherty County Public Library  
300 Pine Avenue  
Albany, GA 31701  
(912) 430-1920  
FAX: (912) 430-4020  
Kathryn R. Siquiefield, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

301 South Monroe Street  
Bainbridge, GA 31717  
(912) 248-2665  
FAX: (912) 248-2670  
Lisa Reeves, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **La Fayette Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

P.O. Box 707  
La Fayette, GA 30728  
(706) 638-2992  
FAX: (706) 638-4028  
Lecia Eubanks, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education  
1150 Murphy Avenue, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30310  
(404) 756-4619  
FAX: (404) 756-4618  
Linda Koldenhoven, Regional Librarian-Consultant

**Mission:** Provide general library service to eligible readers as part of the network of libraries

cooperating with the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,200.

**Eligibility:** Requirements established by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassettes, taped books, talking book machines, and cassette machines. Coordinates talking book centers in 13 public libraries.

#### **Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Oconee Regional Library  
P.O. Box 100  
Dublin, GA 31021  
(912) 272-5710  
Patricia Fries, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

127 Main Street N.W.  
Gainsville, GA 30501  
(770) 532-3311  
FAX: (770) 532-4305  
Sandra Whitmer, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Macon Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Washington Memorial Library  
1180 Washington Avenue

Macon, GA 31201-1790  
(912) 744-0850 or (912) 744-0877  
FAX: (912) 744-0840  
Rebecca Sherrill

Subregional library.

#### **Rome Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Sarah Hightower Regional Library  
205 Riverside Parkway  
Rome, GA 30161-2913  
(706) 236-4609  
FAX: (706) 236-4631  
Diana Mills, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

CEL Regional Library  
2002 Bull Street  
Savannah, GA 31499  
(912) 652-3600  
FAX: (912) 652-3638  
Linda Stokes, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

South Georgia Regional Library  
300 Woodrow Wilson Drive  
Valdosta, GA 31602-2592  
(912) 333-5285  
FAX: (912) 245-6483  
Sharon Bernstein, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Sub-regional branch of the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**County/District Where Located:** Lownds County.

**Mission:** To provide library services for persons unable to use standard print.

**Funded by:** Federal, state, and local governments.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs.  
9:30 AM-6.00 PM, Fri. 9:30-5:30.

**Staff:** 1 full time, 1 part time.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 500.

**Eligibility:** Inability to use  
standard print.

**Area Served:** 12 counties in  
central-southern Georgia.

**Reading:** Books and magazines on  
tape and record.

**Subregional Library for the  
Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**

**Talking Book Center**

1120 Bradley Drive  
Columbus, GA 31906  
(706) 649-0780, ext. 22 or 23  
FAX: (706) 649-1914  
M. Holden-Head, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Center**

Athens Regional Library  
2025 Baxter Street  
Atlanta, GA 30606  
(706) 613-3650 or TDD (706) 613-  
3669  
FAX: (706) 613-3660  
Janet Wright, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Center**

Augusta-Richmond County Public  
Library  
902 Greene Street  
Augusta, GA 30901  
(706) 821-2600  
FAX: (706) 724-5403  
Gary Swint, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Center**

Brunswick-Glynn County Regional  
Library  
208 Gloucester Street

Brunswick, GA 31523  
(912) 267-1212  
Betty Ransom, Librarian  
Subregional library.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
SERVICES**

**Atlanta Braille Volunteers**

5395 Laithbank Lane  
Alpharetta, GA 30202  
(770) 242-8424  
Ruth Koloski

**Groups Served:** K-12; college  
students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational; career/vocational;  
religious; menus; legal.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**DeKalb County School System**

Department of Special Services  
Jim Cherry Center  
2415-B North Druid Hills Road,  
N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
(404) 325-3011  
FAX: (404) 633-7005  
Phyllis Cole, Coordinator, Visually  
Impaired and Orthopedically  
Impaired Programs

**County/District Where Located:**  
DeKalb County.

**Groups Served:** Blind, visually  
impaired, and multiply disabled  
children whose visual impairment  
interferes with functioning in a  
regular school program.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books/cassettes, large-  
print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Georgia Division of  
Rehabilitation Services**

Two Peachtree Street, N.W.  
35th Floor

Atlanta, GA 30303-3166  
(404) 657-3071  
FAX: (404) 657-3086  
Peggy Rosser, Program  
Coordinator, Blind and Visually  
Impaired Program

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

**Groups Served:** Adults.

**Types/Content:** Vocational and  
independent living rehabilitation  
services.

**Media Formats:** None specified.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**NEGA RESA**

375 Winter Street  
Winterville, GA 30683  
(706) 542-7675  
FAX: (706) 742-8928  
Raymond Akridge, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Clark County.

**Area Served:** 13 school systems in  
northeastern Georgia.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books/cassettes, large-  
print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

120 Florida Avenue  
Athens, GA 30605  
(706) 549-1313  
FAX: (706) 227-6161  
Sandra Flowers, Executive Director  
John Marshall, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.



**Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation**

P.O. Box 1000  
Warm Springs, GA 31830  
(706) 655-5001  
FAX: (706) 655-5011  
Frank C. Ruzycki, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Meriwether County.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Talking Book Center**

2025 Baxter Street  
Athens, GA 30606  
(706) 613-3650  
FAX: (706) 613-3660  
Janet Wright, TBC Director

**County/District Where Located:** Clarke County.

**Area Served:** 16 counties of northeastern Georgia.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational; career / vocational; religious; general.

**Media Formats:** Talking books / cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** 90-mile radius from Augusta.

**Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc.**

2581 Piedmont Road, N.E.  
Suite C 1148  
Atlanta, GA 30324  
(404) 814-0222  
Jim Cashin, Executive Director

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours daily.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** Atlanta metropolitan area: 100 miles to the south; 70 miles to the north and west; 30 miles to the east.

**Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc.**

409 East Liberty Street  
Savannah, GA 31401  
(912) 233-2822  
Trish Coder, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chatham County.

**Funded by:** Government grants, private foundations, community service organizations.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM; 6-8PM.

**Staff:** 2 full-time and 70 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Area Served:** Coastal Georgia and South Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

**American Foundation for the Blind Southeast**

100 Peachtree Street  
Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 525-2303  
FAX: (404) 659-6957  
E-mail: atlanta@afb.org  
URL: <http://www.afb.org>

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

**Atlanta Affiliate**

4442 Dobbs Crossing  
Marietta, GA 30068  
(404) 885-9084 or (404) 889-9084  
Judy Parker, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Georgia**

455 East Paces Ferry Road / Suite 222  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
(404) 266-0071  
FAX: (404) 266-0860  
E-mail: 104708.1102@compuserve.com  
Jenny Pomeroy, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Fulton County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**◆ Rehabilitation Services**

**STATE SERVICES**

**Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Two Peachtree Street, N.W.  
35th Floor

**RADIO READING**

**Central Savannah River Area Radio Reading Service, Inc.**

c/o WACG-FM, Augusta State University  
2500 Walton Way  
Augusta, GA 30904-2200  
(706) 737-1661  
FAX: (706) 737-1773  
Nancy Fominaya, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Richmond County.

Atlanta, GA 30303-3166  
(404) 657-3000

FAX: (404) 657-3079

Peggy Rosser, Program  
Coordinator, Blind and Visually  
Impaired Program  
Leon Parham, Resource  
Development Representative

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

**Mission:** To help persons with  
disabilities to find employment.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Employment:** Vocational  
counseling, vocational training,  
vocational placement, related  
services.

**Local Offices:**

**Albany:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 110 Pine Avenue, P.O.  
Box 1606, Albany, GA 31702,  
(912) 430-4170.

**Americus:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 1604-C Vienna Highway,  
Americus, GA 31709, (912) 931-  
2516.

**Athens:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 125 Athens West  
Parkway, Athens, GA 30606,  
(706) 354-3900.

**Atlanta:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 1800 Peachtree Street,  
N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309,  
(404) 350-4700.

**Augusta:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 1727 Wrightsboro Road,  
P.O. Box 12007, Augusta, GA  
30914, (770) 737-1808.

**Bainbridge:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 502 West  
Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA  
31717, (912) 248-2480.

**Baxley:** 605-B South Main Street,  
Baxley, GA 31513, (912) 367-9259.

**Blairsville:** 189 Rogers Street,  
Blairsville, GA 30514, (706) 745-  
5112.

**Brunswick:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 106  
Shopper's Way, Brunswick, GA  
31520, (912) 264-7287.

**Canton:** 3049 Marietta Highway,  
Suite 130, Canton, GA 30114,  
(770) 720-3570.

**Carrollton:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 1512 North  
Highway 27, Carrollton, GA 30117,  
(404) 836-6681.

**Clarkesville:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 103  
Professional Park, P.O. Box 395,  
Clarkesville, GA 30523, (706) 754-  
6215.

**Columbus:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 233 12th  
Street, Suite 700, P.O. Box 2863,  
Columbus, GA 31902, (706) 649-  
7400.

**Dalton:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 1615 Hickory Street,  
Dalton, GA 30720, (706) 272-2303.

**Decatur:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, New First National Bank  
Building, Room 255, 315 West  
Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur,  
GA 30030, (404) 370-5140.

**Douglasville:** 4600 Timber Ridge  
Drive, Room 319, Douglasville, GA  
30135, (770) 489-3018.

**Dublin:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 904 Claxton Dairy Road,  
P.O. Box 158, Dublin, GA 31040,  
(912) 275-6519.

**Eastman:** 107 College Street,  
Eastman, GA 31023, (912) 374-  
6841.

**East Point:** 2801 R.N. Martin  
Street, East Point, GA 30344,  
(404) 669-3450.

**Gainesville:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 440 Enota  
Drive, N.E., Gainesville, GA 30501,  
(770) 535-5468.

**Gracewood:** P.O. Box 28,  
Gracewood, GA 30812, (706) 790-  
2105.

**Griffin:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 231-C South 10th Street,  
Griffin, GA 30224, (770) 229-3140.

**Hapeville:** 3420 Norman Berry  
Parkway, Hapeville, GA 30354,  
(404) 669-3900.

**Hinesville:** P.O. Box 25,  
Hinesville, GA 31313, (912) 876-  
9338.

**Jonesboro:** 409 Arrowhead  
Boulevard, Jonesboro, GA 30236,  
(770) 473-2462.

**Lafayette:** P.O. Box 927, Lafayette,  
GA 30728, (706) 638-5536.

**LaGrange:** 120-A Gordon  
Commercial Drive, LaGrange, GA  
30240, (706) 845-4025.

**Macon:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 711 Riverside Drive, P.O.  
Box 6117, Macon, GA 31208,  
(912) 751-6413.

**Marietta:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 2225 Northwest Parkway,  
Marietta, GA 30067, (770) 916-2250.

**Milledgeville:** Office of  
Rehabilitation Services, 2930  
Heritage Place, Milledgeville, GA  
31061, (912) 453-4781.

**Newnan:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 29 Farmer Industrial  
Boulevard, Newnan, GA 30263,  
(770) 254-7210.

**Perry:** 757 Carroll Street, Perry,  
GA 31069, (912) 987-2286.

**Reidsville:** 108-B South Main  
Street, Reidsville, GA 30453,  
(912) 557-7558.

**Rome:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 404 South Broad Street,  
Rome, GA 30161, (706) 295-6400.

**Royston:** 200 Bond Street,  
Royston, GA 30662, (706) 245-7708.

**Savannah:** Office of Rehabilitation  
Services, 420 Mall Boulevard, P.O.  
Box 13427, Savannah, GA 31416,  
(912) 356-2134.

**Statesboro:** 117 Savannah Avenue,  
Statesboro, GA 30459, (912) 871-  
1173.

**Swainsboro:** 536 South Main, P.O.  
Box 660, Swainsboro, GA 30401,  
(912) 237-7841.



**Thomasville:** Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1317 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, GA 31792, (912) 225-4045.

**Tifton:** 820 Love Avenue, Tifton, GA 31793, (912) 386-3522.

**Valdosta:** Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2517-A Bemiss Road, Valdosta, GA 31602, (912) 333-5248.

**Waycross:** Office of Rehabilitation Services, 2311 Knight Avenue, P.O. Box 2026, Waycross, GA 31502, (912) 285-6078.

## REHABILITATION

### Augusta Blind Rehabilitation Center

#### U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Center  
One Freedom Way  
Augusta, GA 30904-6285  
(706) 733-0188

FAX: (706) 481-6703

Penny Schuckers, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**Funded by:** U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services Programs located at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U. S. Federal Agencies listings.

### Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia

3830 South Cobb Drive  
Suite 125

Smyrna, GA 30080

(770) 432-7280

FAX: (770) 432-5457

Dr. Robert Crouse, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cobb County.

**Mission:** To assist persons who are blind or visually impaired to function independently in their environments.

**Funded by:** Public funds, United Way, grants, fees, and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Facility is totally accessible.

**Staff:** 5 staff and a large group of volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment; legally blind and totally blind.

**Area Served:** Primarily north Georgia; no geographic restrictions.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None; usually school age through senior citizens.

**Health:** Low vision clinic and training, activities coordinated with other health-related facilities.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and family

counseling provided. Coordination and consultation with mental health and social service agencies.

**Educational:** Remedial and basic education.

**Reading:** Reader services on request; information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; independent living skills (services are provided at the center and in community environments).

**Recreational:** Coordinate activities with other agencies.

**Employment:** Counseling and coordination with Division of Rehabilitation services; prevocational training and vocational evaluation.

**Computer Training:** Access to and training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptions, dispensing and training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed, at least semi-annually.

### Center for the Visually Impaired

763 Peachtree Street, N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30308

(404) 875-9011

FAX: (404) 607-0062

Scott McCall, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Fulton County.

**Mission:** Independence with dignity.

**Funded by:** United Way, public funds, fees and foundation grants.

**Budget:** \$2.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 40 full time, 10 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:**

1995-96 fiscal year: 1,467

Information and referral calls: 1,669.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or severely visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Low vision clinic and training services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services; individual, group, and family counseling.

**Educational:** Remedial education; high school equivalency.

**Preschools:** "Begin" program for preschool children.

**Reading:** Reader services; tape recording on request; information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; community-based rehabilitation program for older persons and home-bound blind persons.

**Recreational:** Arts, crafts, games, physical conditioning.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; prevocational training; work adjustment program; job development and placement.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Optical and nonoptical aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Georgia Industries for the Blind**

P.O. Box 218

Bainbridge, GA 31718-0218

(912) 248-2666

FAX: (912) 248-2669

Lane Whitley, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provide employment opportunities to severely visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** Sales of products.

**Staff:** 30 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind. Under 18 must be cleared by school superintendent. Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind clients.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Refers for counseling/social work.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts, hobby groups. Contracts for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

### **Local Offices:**

**Atlanta:** Georgia Industries for the Blind, 1080 Sylvan Road, Atlanta, GA 30310, (404) 756-4485.

**Bainbridge:** Georgia Industries for the Blind, P.O. Box 218, Bainbridge, GA 31717, Jim Turknnett, Plant Manager, (912) 248-2666.

**Griffin:** Georgia Industries for the Blind, Emlet Drive, P.O. Box 98, Griffin, GA 30224, (770) 228-7221, FAX (770) 229-3311, Al Hardy, Plant Manager, (770) 288-7221.

**Savannah:** Georgia Industries for the Blind, 100 Aberdeen Street, P.O. Box 3672, Savannah, GA 31414, (912) 234-8220.

### **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.**

1775 Clairmont Road

Decatur, GA 30033-4005

(404) 325-3630

FAX: (404) 636-5549

Linda Bassett, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides eye examinations, eye treatments, eye surgery, eyeglasses, and hearing aids to needy residents of Georgia. Also provides information and referral.

**Funded by:** Contributions from the Lions Clubs of the state of Georgia, public donations, memorial contributions.

**Budget:** \$750,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Residents of Georgia.

**Area Served:** Georgia.

### **Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.**

7220 Sallie Mood Drive

P.O. Box 15007

Savannah, GA 31416

(912) 354-6611

FAX: (912) 354-3787

Robert A. Lapsley, President

Brian C. Reynolds, Director of Rehabilitation

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chatham County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically and emotionally disabled.

**Funded by:** United Way; self-generated revenue.

**Budget:** \$4.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 25 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500 annually.

**Eligibility:** 16 years or older; able to care for self.

**Area Served:** 29 counties of southeast Georgia and 3 in South Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years of age and older.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluations; individual counseling; referrals to community services; referrals to other counseling/social work services.



**Educational:** Literacy training.  
**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes.  
**Rehabilitation:** Vocational assessments; work-habit training; job placement.  
**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; refers for vending stand training.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Southeast Region Office**

1005 Virginia Avenue  
 Suite 104  
 Atlanta, GA 30354  
 (404) 766-9625 or TDD (404) 766-2320  
 FAX: (404) 766-3447  
 Susan Brooks, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:**

Fulton County.

**Eligibility:** Deafblindness or significant vision and hearing loss.

**Area Served:** Southeast United States.

**Age Requirements:** Transition age or older.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**Mobility Services, Inc.**

761 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
 Atlanta, GA 30308  
 (404) 876-2636  
 FAX: (404) 872-5255  
 E-mail: msi-inc@mindspring.com  
 Belen B. Hickman, President

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:**

Fulton County.

**Mission:** To provide services and goods to improve physical and intellectual independence of challenged persons.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Coordination and referral service.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

**Recreational:** Coordinate with other organizations.

**Computer Training:** Sales of adaptive hardware and software; training on products.

**Low Vision:** Informal assessment, referral to low vision clinics.

**Low Vision Aids:** Optical and nonoptical aids.

**Professional Training:** Student internship in orientation and mobility.

**Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc.**

214 Drayton Street  
 Savannah, GA 31401-4021  
 (912) 236-4473  
 Walt Simmons, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chatham County.

**Mission:** Ongoing provision of programs and services designed to help blind and visually impaired persons adjust and cope with their vision loss.

**Funded by:** Federal block grants, Chatham County, United Way, private donations.

**Budget:** \$535,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 14 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1963.

**Number of Clients Served:** 360.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired, of all ages.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; referral to community services; refers for other counseling / social work services.

**Educational:** Refers for vocational and educational services.

**Preschools:** Visually impaired preschool services: serves children from birth to 5 years; in-home and family support services; transition to day care and preschool settings; consultation for workers in other preschool programs.

**Professional Training:** Internship / field work placement in social work and rehabilitation training; regular in-service training program.

**Reading:** Refers for reading materials.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living, communication skills, orientation and mobility, therapeutic skills development.

**Recreational:** Adult day care services; leisure education; refers for recreational activities; consultation to other recreation providers.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Coastal low vision services; serves southeastern Georgia and coastal South Carolina.

**Low Vision Aids:** As prescribed by clinician, for non-fee-paying clients.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Up to 6 months after the low vision examination.

**Sensory Program  
Rehabilitation Research and  
Development Center (151 R)  
U.S. Department of Veterans  
Affairs**

1670 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, GA 30033  
(404) 728-5064  
FAX: (404) 728-7731  
Bruce B. Blasch, Research Health  
Scientist  
William R. Del'Aune, Research  
Psychologist  
Gale R. Watson, Research Health  
Scientist

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Conducts applied research to identify the needs of blind and visually impaired persons and to study problems relating to vision and aging. Develops and tests effectiveness of new devices and techniques in rehabilitation. Focus is on research in aging and mobility.

**Funded by:** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Budget:** \$1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Center staff includes 30 full time, including engineers, computer scientists, mobility specialists, and rehabilitation researchers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**COMPUTER TRAINING  
CENTERS**

**Georgia Academy for the Blind**  
2895 Vineville Avenue  
Macon, GA 31204  
(912) 751-6088  
FAX: (912) 751-6659  
Thomas Ridgeway, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:**  
Bibb County.

**Computer Training:** Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

**Savannah Association for the  
Blind  
Communications Department,  
Inc**

214 Drayton Street  
Savannah, GA 31401-4021  
(912) 236-4473  
Walt Simmons, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Chatham County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output system; screen magnification system; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

**♦ Low Vision  
Services**

**EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Georgia Society of  
Ophthalmology**

938 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
(404) 881-5092  
Vickie Staley, Executive Director

**Georgia Optometric Association**

1000 Corporate Center Drive  
Suite 240  
Morrow, GA 30260  
(770) 961-9866 or (800) 949-0060  
Georgianne Bearden, Executive  
Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS**

**Blind and Low Vision Services  
of North Georgia**

3830 South Cobb Drive  
Suite 125  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
(770) 432-7280  
FAX: (770) 432-5457  
Sandra Coleman, Low Vision  
Clinic

**County/District Where Located:**  
Cobb County.

**Staff:** Optometrists specializing in low vision; low vision assistants.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive examinations, adjustment services, training in use of devices in various environments.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed by physician.

**Low Vision Follow-up:**  
Semiannual follow-ups or more often, depending on condition.

**Eye Clinic  
Grady Memorial Hospital**

80 Butler Street, S.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30335  
(404) 616-4671  
Elizabeth Prophet-Jones, Unit  
Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

**Area Served:** All Fulton and Dekalb County residents.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As appropriate.

**Maxwell Low Vision Clinic  
Center for the Visually Impaired**  
763 Peachtree Street, N.E.



Atlanta, GA 30308  
(404) 875-9011  
Scott McCall, Executive Director  
Anne Stewart, Low Vision  
Manager  
Debra Hudson, Client Services  
Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fulton County.

**Mission:** To provide  
independence with dignity for the  
visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Division of  
Rehabilitation Services, United  
Way, grants and client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Low vision  
clinic: Mon. and Fri. 8:00 AM-  
4:30 PM; low vision training:  
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
optometrist; social worker; low  
vision rehabilitation specialist.  
Other rehabilitation personnel  
available within the agency.

**Number of Clients Served:** 895.

**Eligibility:** Functional visual  
impairment; ophthalmological  
report no more than one year old.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Computer Training:** Access,  
training on computer aids and  
devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purposes; training  
provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Training  
and return appointments  
scheduled as needed.

### **Medical College of Georgia Low Vision Clinic**

Department of Ophthalmology  
School of Medicine  
1120 15th Street  
Augusta, GA 30912-3400  
(706) 721-2020  
FAX: (706) 721-1156  
Malcolm N. Luxenberg, Chairman

**Type of Agency:** Medical school.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Richmond County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Alternate  
Wed. mornings.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists;  
ophthalmology residents;  
ophthalmic technologist.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8 per  
month.

**Eligibility:** Recent  
ophthalmological examination  
with report and referral or an exam  
in the medical college clinic.

**Area Served:** Georgia and South  
Carolina primarily; no restriction  
on referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed; on-  
site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As  
needed.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Office of Aging**

Two Peachtree Street, N.E.  
18th floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 657-5258 or High Care  
Hotline (800) 657-5334  
FAX: (404) 657-5285  
Judy Hagebak, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Two Peachtree Street N.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 657-3005  
Karen Boyer, Manager

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# GUAM

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Guam Department of Education**  
P.O. Box DE  
Agana, GU 96932  
(671) 475-0495  
FAX: (671) 475-9666  
Ronald Taimanglo, Director

**Mission:** Provides special classes and mobility instruction for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, and hard of hearing students at the Guam School for the Deaf and the Blind. Has academic and prevocational programs for partially sighted students.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Guam Department of Education  
Division of Special Education**  
P.O. Box DE  
Agana, GU 96932  
(671) 475-0534  
FAX: (671) 475-0562  
Leilani T. Nishimura, Director

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

**Guam Public Library for the  
Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**  
254 Martyr Street  
Agana, GU 96910  
(671) 475-4753  
FAX: (671) 477-9777  
E-mail: csctsmth@kuentos.guam.net  
Christine K. Scott-Smith, Director

**Mission:** Subregional library of the Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Serves as sublending agency for machines; circulates cassette books.

**Funded by:** United States Department of Education, Title III.  
**Budget:** \$19,197.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Tues., Thurs. 9:30 - 8:00 PM. Sat. 10:00 - 4:00 PM. Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Guam and the Mariana Islands.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Guam Department of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1313 Central Avenue  
Tiyuan, GU 96913  
(671) 475-4645  
FAX: (671) 477-2892  
E-mail: dvrcam@ite.net  
Joseph Artero-Cameron, State Director

**Mission:** To enable qualified individuals with disabilities, especially with severe disabilities, to achieve employment and community independence.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$1.8 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 31.

**History/Date:** Est. 1958.

**Eligibility:** Physically and mentally disabled.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; prevocational training; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Senior Citizens  
Guam Department of Public  
Health and Social Services**

P.O. Box 2816  
Agana, GU 96910  
(671) 475-0263  
FAX: (671) 477-2930  
Florence P. Shimizu, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Guam Department of Vocational Rehabilitation**

1313 Central Avenue  
Tiyuan, GU 96913  
(671) 475-4646  
Mildred Campbell, Vision Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# HAWAII

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Hawaii Department of Education Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind

3440 Leahi Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
(808) 733-4999 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (808) 733-4824  
Dr. Jeanne G. Prickett,  
Administrator  
Robert Campell, Office of  
Instructional Services, Special  
Education Section

**Mission:** Provides special materials and consultation for local schools. Offers testing and evaluation. Maintains resource room.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00AM-3:00PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1914.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Hawaii.

Contact local school superintendent for program information and additional services, or Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Zero to 3 Hawaii Project

Pan American Building  
1600 Kapiolani Boulevard  
Suite 1401  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
(808) 957-0066  
FAX: (808) 946-5222  
Jean Johnson, Project Coordinator

All services required under Hawaii's State Plan for Early Intervention Part H services.

### SCHOOLS

#### Hawaii Center for the Deaf and Blind

3440 Leahi Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
(808) 733-4999 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (808) 733-4824  
E-mail: [jeanne@hcdb.kiz.hi.us](mailto:jeanne@hcdb.kiz.hi.us)  
Dr. Jean Glidden Prickett,  
Administrator  
Margi Flora, Resource Teacher for the Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Honolulu County.

**Mission:** Services for blind, deaf/blind, and deaf students from 3-20 years.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 10 teachers, 1 counselor, 7 diagnostic personnel, 10 educational assistants, 21 support staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1914.

**Number of Clients Served:** 67 on-site. Varies annually for diagnostics, materials provision.

**Eligibility:** All students statewide for whom placement is appropriate, based on diagnostic recommendation.

**Area Served:** All of Hawaiian Islands.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Preschool through 20.

**Health:** Services available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Services available.

**Educational:** Technical assistance for braille, orientation and mobility, and other special skills blind children need to function in public schools. Provision of

educational materials for inclusion programs.

**Residential:** For outer island students only.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Hawaii Center for the Deaf and Blind

3440 Leahi Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
(808) 733-4999  
FAX: (808) 733-4824  
Dr. Jeanne G. Prickett,  
Administrator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Honolulu County.

**Funded by:** Department of Education; public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1914.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Assessment:** By diagnostic team: psychologist, social worker, family educator, teacher for visually impaired students, orientation and mobility instructor, teacher for hearing impaired students, speech pathologist, audiologist.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** For visually and hearing impaired students.

**Direct Service:** Classroom instruction.

**Materials Production:** Coordinates statewide ordering of large-print braille, and special material for visually impaired students.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

402 Kapahulu Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96815  
 (808) 733-8444 (voice/TDD)  
 FAX: (808) 733-8449  
 E-mail: olbcirc@lib.state.hi.us

Fusako Miyashiro, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** A division of the Hawaii State Public Library System and a regional library in the network of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Mission:** Provides free, modern library service for people who need library material in a special format. Provides library advisory service to state-supported residential institutions.

**Funded by:** Public funds and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 12.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Eligibility:** For NLS collection, must meet requirements of Public Law 89-522. Large-type books available to all holders of Hawaii State public library service card.

**Area Served:** Hawaii and U.S. Pacific Islands.

Regional library providing braille, disks, cassettes and large-type books; inkprint books about various disabilities; transcribing services in braille, large-type, and disabled recorded cassette. Serves as machine lending agency. Serves other disabled persons requiring audio-visual materials. Houses Hawaii State Public Library system's large-type collection. Provides Radio Reading services; DVT (descriptive videotape).

Subregional library in Guam. Machine sublending agencies in Hilo, Kahului and Lihue.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

402 Kapahulu Avenue  
 Honolulu, HI 96815  
 (808) 733-8444 (voice/TDD)  
 FAX: (808) 733-8449  
 E-mail: olbcirc@lib.state.hi.us  
 Fusako Miyashiro, Director

**Area Served:** State of Hawaii, United States, Pacific Islands.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults; must be certified as eligible for National Library Service for Blind and Physically Handicapped service.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; recorded cassette books, large-print books, Radio Reading service; DVT (descriptive videotapes).

**Title Listings:** Title listings available on request.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Hawaii Affiliate

45-573 Awanene Way  
 Kaneohe, HI 96744  
 (808) 247-0970  
 Caroline Lim, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Ho'opono Services for the Blind Hawaii Department of Human Services

#### Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division

1901 Bachelot Street  
 Honolulu, HI 96817  
 (808) 586-5266  
 FAX: (808) 586-5288  
 David Eveland, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To improve the standard of living and quality of life of persons with blindness or visual impairments residing in the State of Hawaii.

**Funded by:** Federal and state grants.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 29 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,214.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that interferes with ability to function personally, socially, vocationally. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Low vision clinic or service; low vision aids. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; arranges psychological testing and evaluation; individual, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.



**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy, mobility.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; occupational therapy; orientation/mobility skills; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training; orientation to adaptive equipment.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; referrals for occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

**Computer Training:** As related to use of adaptive equipment.

**Low Vision:** Conducts low vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Limited follow-up.

**Local Offices:**

**Hilo:** Hawaii Branch, 75 Aupuni, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 961-7331.

**Lihue:** Kauai Branch, P.O. Box 1028, Lihue, HI 96766, (808) 245-4333.

**Wailuku:** Maui Branch, P.O. Box RRR, Wailuku, HI 96793, (808) 244-4291.

**REHABILITATION****Ho'opono Workshop for the Blind**

1901 Bachelot Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
(808) 586-5286  
FAX: (808) 586-5288  
Jon L. Koki, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Workshop for blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1962.

**Number of Clients Served:** 40.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually and hearing impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop employment.

**DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS****Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs and Mobility Services, Inc.**

747 Amana Street, #407  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
(808) 941-1088  
FAX: (808) 941-1088  
Victoria Cozloff, Executive Secretary  
Joseph Sunderland, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Supplies dog guides and electronic mobility aids to blind persons.

**Funded by:** United Funds and service organizations.

**Budget:** \$40,000.

**Hours of Operation:** One day per week.

**Staff:** 1 part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1955 and Inc. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** 61.

**Eligibility:** Six months of residency in Hawaii, Guam, or Alaska. Candidates must be evaluated and have a doctor's endorsement.

**Area Served:** Hawaii and Guam, and Alaska.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Rehabilitation:** Training with guide dogs and use of electronic aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Electronic aids provided.

**◆ Low Vision Services****EYE CARE SOCIETIES****Hawaii Ophthalmological Society**

1300 Lusitana Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 528-5333  
FAX: (808) 545-7236  
Jon M. Portis, M.D., President

**Hawaii Optometric Association**

49-955 Kamehameha Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96744  
(808) 247-7888  
Bryan Sakka, Executive Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS****Low Vision Clinic****Ho'opono Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1901 Bachelot Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
(808) 586-5276  
FAX: (808) 586-5288  
Lillian Kaneshiro, Social Worker  
Bryon Wong, M.D., Staff Ophthalmologist  
Harry Terada, O.D., Optometrist

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Wed. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; social worker; ophthalmologist; refers as needed for services of orientation/mobility instructor, rehabilitation

teacher, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and social group worker.

**History/Date:** Est. 1964.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Low Vision:** Examination by optometrist specializing in low vision.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By home visit 1st or 2nd month; phone interviews are conducted in 2 or 3 months.

contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Executive Office on Aging Office of the Governor**

One Capitol District  
250 South Hotel Street, Suite 107  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 586-0100 or Information &  
Referral In State (800) 468-4644  
FAX: (808) 586-0185  
Mariyan Seely, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Hawaii Department of Human Services**

Bishop Trust Building  
1000 Bishop Street, Room 615  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 586-5366  
Neil Shim, Acting Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information,



# IDAHO

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Idaho State Department of Education

650 West State Street  
 Len B. Jordon Building, Room 150  
 Boise, ID 83702  
 (208) 332-6800  
 FAX: (208) 334-2228  
 Dr. Anne C. Fox, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
 Nolene Weaver, State Director of Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Ada County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Idaho.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Bureau of Developmental Disabilities

#### Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

450 West State Street  
 P.O. Box 83720  
 Boise, ID 83720-0036  
 (208) 334-5523  
 FAX: (208) 334-6664  
 Mary Jones, Manager, Infant Toddler Programs

**County/District Where Located:** Statewide.

Administers program of early intervention services.

### SCHOOLS

#### Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street  
 Gooding, ID 83330  
 (208) 934-4457  
 FAX: (208) 934-8352  
 E-mail: rdarcy@isdb.state.id.us  
 Ron Darcy, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Gooding County.

**Mission:** Counseling, vocational evaluation, orientation/mobility, residential services. Audiological and special pathology services.

**Funded by:** State residential school.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** School provides dormitory living situations and transportation to and from home on weekends. Daily busing program available for day students within 50-mile radius of the school.

**Staff:** 135 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** 115.

**Eligibility:** Visually and/or hearing impaired, deaf-blind, or multiply disabled persons.

**Area Served:** State of Idaho.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Nurses on duty to provide general medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Trained counselors on site; summer camp provides psychological programs.

**Educational:** Academic programs for children, preschool through high school; career-oriented vocational program for nonacademic students; home-bound preschool program.

Itinerant instructions for students attending public school programs.

**Preschools:** Regional statewide in-house programs for children age 0-3. For children age 3-kindergarten consultation services to public schools.

#### Professional Training:

Professional internships in special education or related fields.

**Reading:** Media center for providing braille, large-print, other aids.

**Residential:** Residential component for blind, deaf, or multiply disabled clients.

**Recreational:** Recreational specialist coordinates after-school activities. Extracurricular activities provided: soccer, basketball, swimming, volleyball, track, gym, group activities.

**Computer Training:** Individual instruction depending on needs. Consultation to schools.

**Low Vision:** Contracts for assessments.

**Low Vision Aids:** Workshops for school districts.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street  
 Gooding, ID 83330  
 (208) 934-4457  
 FAX: (208) 934-8352  
 E-mail: rdarcy@isdb.state.id.us  
 Ron Darcy, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Residential school.

**County/District Where Located:** Gooding County.

**Mission:** Serve educational needs of children.

**Funded by:** State funds and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6 full time. Various therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board for overall program, including a parent member.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired/multiply disabled; resident of Idaho.

**Area Served:** State of Idaho.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - kindergarten.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs. Perceptual development and parent counseling available on consultant or referral basis.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Preschools:** Itinerant teachers work with agencies and with parents at home, statewide; preschool classroom for children 3 years-kindergarten.

**Professional Training:** Workshops for itinerant teachers and for regular education teachers in public schools.

**Low Vision Aids:** Devices available on loan.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street  
Gooding, ID 83330  
(208) 934-4457  
FAX: (208) 934-8352  
E-mail: [rdarcy@isdb.state.id.us](mailto:rdarcy@isdb.state.id.us)  
Ron Darcy, Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:** Gooding County.

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants.

**Located at:** Gooding, with regional offices throughout the state.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Evaluation and referral.

**Parent Assistance:** Counseling.

**Materials Production:** Large print.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

1450 Main Street  
Gooding, ID 83330  
(208) 934-4457  
FAX: (208) 934-8352  
Shirley Cobble, Media Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Gooding County.

**Area Served:** Idaho.

**Groups Served:** Preschool - grade 12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large-print books; Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

**Idaho State Library Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped**  
325 West State Street

Boise, ID 83702

(208) 334-2117 or toll-free in Idaho (800) 233-4931

FAX: (208) 334-2194

E-mail: [ksalmon@isl.state.id.us](mailto:ksalmon@isl.state.id.us)

Kay H. Salmon, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Part of the Library of Congress network.

**Mission:** To provide library materials and information to print-disabled residents of the state of Idaho in formats that are appropriate for their use.

**Funded by:** State and federal monies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 12.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973. Prior to 1973, services provided by Utah under the auspices of Idaho state library.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,700.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired persons and disabled persons who cannot use printed materials.

**Area Served:** Idaho.

Lending library for Idaho and distributor of talking book machines for the blind and physically handicapped.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Boise Public Schools

1207 Fort Street  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 338-3456  
FAX: (208) 338-3477  
Mike Anderson, Director of Communication Disorders

**Area Served:** Boise City.

**Groups Served:** Preschool - grade 12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books.



**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

**Idaho State Library  
Services for Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

325 West State Street  
Boise, ID 83702  
(208) 334-2117 or toll-free in Idaho  
(800) 233-4931  
FAX: (208) 334-2194  
E-mail: ksalmon@isl.state.id.us  
Kay H. Salmon, Director

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** Visually impaired and physically disabled persons.

**Types/Content:** Books, magazines, and DVS.

**Media Formats:** Cassettes, recorded disks, braille, large-print.

## RADIO READING

**Idaho Radio Reading Service**

P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83702-0012  
(208) 334-3220  
Brett Winchester, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Ada County.

**Hours of Operation:** Seven days, 8:00 AM-2:00 AM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Area Served:** Treasure Valley and southwest area of Idaho, plus a small portion of eastern Oregon and northern Nevada.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

341 West Washington Street

Boise, ID 83720-6000  
(208) 334-3220  
FAX: (208) 334-2963  
E-mail: blackaller@icbvi.state.id.us

Mike Blackaller, Rehabilitation Services Chief  
Jim Monroe, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Ada County.

**Mission:** Services for functionally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** State appropriated funds, federal matching funds.

**Budget:** \$4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

**Staff:** 45 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Number of Clients Served:** 900 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, functionally blind.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family/parent, couple counseling.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service, short-term or summer training open for enrollment to other agencies in subjects requested by agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Orientation and adjustment center for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; typing; home management; cane travel; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Job training and placement.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vocational

placement; vending stand training; on-the-job training.

### Local Offices:

**Coeur d'Alene:** Coeur d'Alene Regional Office, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, (208) 667-8494.

**Lewiston:** Lewiston Regional Office, Lewiston, ID 83501, (208) 746-3241, ext. 298.

**Pocatello:** Pocatello Regional Office, 427 North Main Street, Suite J, Pocatello, ID 83204, (208) 233-7171.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**Idaho Society of Ophthalmology**

526-H Shoup Avenue West  
Twin Falls, ID 83301  
(208) 733-2400

FAX: (208) 634-0343

Robert C. Welch, M.D., President

**Idaho Optometric Association**

9077 Maple Hill Drive  
Boise, ID 83709  
(208) 378-7700

Larry Benton, Executive Director

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Commission on Aging**

700 West Jefferson, Room 108  
P.O. Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0007  
(208) 334-2423

FAX: (208) 334-3033

Arlene Davidson, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS****Idaho Commission for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired**

341 West Washington

Boise, ID 83702

(208) 334-3220

Mike Blackaller, Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# ILLINOIS

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Illinois State Board of Education

100 North First Street  
Springfield, IL 62777  
(217) 782-6601  
FAX: (217) 782-0372  
Paula Staderker, Consultant

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sangamon County.

**Mission:** Provides adapted materials. Offers reader services as needed. Cooperates with the Illinois State Board of Education Program Service Teams in offering technical assistance to local programs.

**Funded by:** Public funds. Administers supplemental state and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired students in local schools and residential schools.

**Area Served:** Illinois.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - 21 years of age.

**Educational:** Programs for students aged 3-21.

**Preschools:** Programs for children aged 0-3.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Childhood Division

#### Illinois State Board of Education

100 West Randolph, C14-300

Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 814-5560  
FAX: (312) 814-2282  
Audrey Witzman, Principal  
Consultant and Part H  
Coordinator

Early intervention services for children aged 0-5.

### SCHOOLS

#### The Hope School

50 Hazel Lane  
Springfield, IL 62716  
(217) 786-3350  
FAX: (217) 786-3356  
Shawn E. Jeffers, Executive  
Director  
Joan Shea-Rogers, Principal

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit; residential school.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sangamon County.

**Mission:** Services for children who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically handicapped.

**Funded by:** Fees, private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days.

**Staff:** Nearly 300. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** 117.

**Eligibility:** Non-ambulatory, ambulatory, controlled seizures.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5-21 years.

**Health:** General medical services. Contracts for other medical, dental and vision health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, family counseling; placement in school.

**Educational:** Non-graded.

**Professional Training:** Internship/supervised fieldwork placement in special education.

Regular in-service/short term training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; information and referral system.

**Residential:** Dormitory beds for children with multiple disabilities.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; therapeutic recreation.

**Employment:** Contracts for sheltered workshops.

**Low Vision:** MTI Photoscreener.

Licensed by the Illinois Department of Family Services and accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a Special Function School.

#### Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street  
Jacksonville, IL 62650  
(217) 479-4400  
FAX: (217) 479-4479  
Dorothy Arensman,  
Superintendent  
Eric Emberg, Assistant  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind students.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, during the academic school year and at other times as dictated by programs.

**Program Accessibility:** All aspects of the program are/will be in compliance with ADA requirements.

**Staff:** 143 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1849.

**Number of Clients Served:** 110 students during the academic year and 42 infants birth through 5 years old, each year.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Illinois with visual impairment who is between the ages of birth through 21.

**Area Served:** State of Illinois.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through 5 for Parent Infant; 4 through 21 for other programs.

**Health:** Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; prevocational/vocational/living skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book records and cassettes; braille; large-print books; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; music; drama; track; wrestling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Provided via computer lab exposure/training approach.

**Low Vision:** Services provided via clinics sponsored by state Lions organization and ongoing activities.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescription of spectacles or aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability, or Department of Special Education, Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777, (217) 782-6601.

#### **Philip J. Rock Center and School**

818 DuPage Boulevard  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
(630) 790-2474

FAX: (630) 790-4893

Christine D. Dorsey, C.A.S., Chief Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** DuPage County.

**Mission:** Services for children who are deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Illinois State Board of Education.

**Budget:** \$2,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 63 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 21 in residential school; 463 served by the service center.

**Eligibility:** Auditory and visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Illinois.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Audiology; general medical services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Refers for and contracts for other medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** School and training placement. Refers and contracts for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Prevocational; daily living skills; community-based education; leisure and recreation.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training, open to enrollment from other agencies. Sponsors conferences on a quarterly basis.

**Reading:** Cassette tape players; large-print books; information and referral; transcription to braille.

**Residential:** Dormitory.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; residential summer camp; swimming; track. Evening and weekend programs.

**Employment:** Supported employment training opportunities.

**Computer Training:** 5 Apple computers for students' use.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations and training available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Will supply aids to meet individual students needs.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.



**INFANT AND PRESCHOOL****Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired****Development Center**

1850 West Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874

FAX: (312) 243-8539

Mary Zabelski, Director of Educational Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.**Mission:** To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop and promote effective programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.**Funded by:** Preschool program supported by tuition from local school boards. Infant program funded by United Way and Department of Mental Health grants.**Hours of Operation:** 8:45 AM-5:00 PM throughout the year.**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.**Staff:** 23 full time; 10 part time.**History/Date:** Est. 1969.**Number of Clients Served:** 40 (day school); 120 (infant and pre-school).**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.**Area Served:** Chicago area and collar suburbs.**Transportation:** Y.**Age Requirements:** 3 years and under.**Health:** Low vision exams; occupational, physical, speech

therapy; medical consultation available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; psychological consultation available; referrals to other agencies.**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility.

Preschool program serves 3-5 year olds in multiply disabled classroom. Infant program serves 0-3 year olds at home.

Approved as nonpublic education facility for disabled children by State of Illinois.

**DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association**

1500 South Grace

Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 629-7272

Joan Allison, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 monies and state funds.**Staff:** 13 full time (early childhood / teachers of visually impaired children, orientation/mobility instructors, therapists).**History/Date:** Est. 1970.**Area Served:** DuPage and western Cook counties.**Transportation:** Y.**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.**Health:** Adaptive equipment.**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; social work services.**Educational:** Provides direct instruction in all developmental areas.**Low Vision:** Exams available on referral basis.

Center-based with home component for visually impaired children, with or without other

disabilities, 0-3 years. Classes for visually impaired, multiply disabled children, resource rooms, and consultant services to other programs for children 3-5 years. Itinerant vision services to public schools.

**Illinois School for the Visually Impaired**658 East State Street  
Jacksonville, IL 62650

(217) 479-4400

FAX: (217) 479-4479

Dorothy Arensman,  
Superintendent**Type of Agency:** State funds.**Mission:** Services for visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled blind students.**Funded by:** State funds.**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day, 7 days per week during academic school year and at other times as dictated by programs.**Program Accessibility:** All aspects of the program are/will be in compliance with ADA requirements.**Staff:** 143 full time for total program. Has advisory board, including parent members.**History/Date:** Est. 1849.**Number of Clients Served:** 110 students during the academic year and 42 infants birth through 5 years old each year.**Eligibility:** Resident of Illinois with visual impairment.**Area Served:** Entire state.**Transportation:** Y.**Age Requirements:** Birth through 5 for Parent Infant.

Consultant, evaluation, and referral services for visually impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind children, 0-5 years, are provided on request to parents and other programs via an annual

institute and outreach services as needed and requested.

### **LICA-NSSEO Infant Vision Program**

799 West Kensington Road  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
(847) 577-7749  
FAX: (847) 577-0357  
Dr. Alice Epstein,  
Superintendent/Director, NSSEO  
Terri Mertz, LICA-NSSEO Vision  
Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Intermediate education program.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired children with or without other impairments.

**Funded by:** 94-142 monies, private donations, and state funds.

**Staff:** 2 full time (teacher of visually impaired children), 1 part time, variety of other staff available for consultation. Has advisory board, including parent members.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Various health services available on referral.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent education groups, parent support groups, and parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas, speech/language and communication.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; daily living skills; physical therapy; occupational therapy.

Home-based program with center component for 0-3 year olds; multiply disabled and non-categorical classes for 3-5 year olds. Infant and multiply disabled vision clinic provided monthly by optometrist.

## **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

### **Illinois School for the Visually Impaired**

658 East State Street  
Jacksonville, IL 62650  
(217) 479-4400  
FAX: (217) 479-4479  
Dorothy Arensman,  
Superintendent  
Eric Emberg, Assistant  
Superintendent

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1847.

**Age Requirements:** None.

#### **Consultation to Public Schools:**

As needed or requested.

**Direct Service:** Assessments, including components of case studies.

**Parent Assistance:** As needed or requested.

**Materials Production:** Provided along with technical assistance/consultation by computer lab.

**Professional Training:** Programs presented, as requested.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

### **Illinois Industrial Materials**

3031 Stanton Center  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 525-3300  
FAX: (217) 525-3029  
Alice Post, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Illinois.

**Groups Served:** Students (ages 0-adult) with visual impairments enrolled in a formal educational program.

**Types/Content:** Educational materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, tangible aids, adaptive computer equipment.

**Title Listings:** Braille masters stored in the depository are listed in the American Printing House for

the Blind's central catalog under the acronym SEIMC.

### **Southern Will County Cooperative**

707 West Jefferson Street, Suite K  
Sherwood, IL 60431  
(815) 741-7777  
FAX: (915) 741-7779  
Patricia M. Hall, Coordinator,  
Visually Impaired Programs

**Area Served:** Grundy, Will, Kendall, Kankakee, and LaSalle Counties.

**Groups Served:** 3-12.

Coordinates services to visually impaired students in school districts.

## **UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS**

### **Illinois State University**

University Laboratory Schools,  
Elementary/Secondary Programs  
for the Visually Handicapped  
533 DeGarmo Hall  
P.O. Box 5910  
Normal, IL 61790-5910  
(309) 438-5419  
Paula Smith, Chairperson,  
Specialist Education  
Norma DeMario, Instructor

**County/District Where Located:** McLean County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually handicapped and multihandicapped.

### **Northern Illinois University**

Programs in Vision  
Faculty of Special Education



DeKalb, IL 60115  
 (815) 753-8459  
 FAX: (815) 753-9250  
 E-mail: vision@niu.edu  
 Dr. Gaylen Kapperman,  
 Coordinator, (815) 753-8453  
 Dr. Toni Heinze, Teacher of  
 Visually Impaired Children  
 Ms. Brucie Hawkins, Orientation  
 and Mobility Teacher

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate programs for teachers of visually impaired and multiply disabled children, for rehabilitation teachers, and for orientation and mobility instructors.

### **Southern Illinois University**

Rehabilitation Institute  
 Rehn Hall 317  
 Carbondale, IL 62901-4609  
 (618) 536-7704  
 FAX: (618) 453-8271  
 Dr. Darrell Taylor, Associate  
 Professor

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Jackson County.

**Programs Offered:** Special course in job development and placement for employed rehabilitation professionals offered at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

## **◆ Information Services**

### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Chicago Public Library Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

1055 West Roosevelt Road  
 Chicago, IL 60608  
 (312) 746-9210  
 FAX: (312) 746-9192  
 Barbara Perkis, Acting Director

**Type of Agency:** Regional library for the blind and physically handicapped.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Cook County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$669,713 (library).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 9:00AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 3 librarians; 1  
 paraprofessional; 10 support staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1893.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
 22,000.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, or physically disabled according to National Library Service guidelines.

**Area Served:** Illinois. Also provides braille reader service for Wisconsin.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Professional Training:** Limited. Reference/reader advisor assistance available.

**Reading:** General; career/vocational: fiction.

**Low Vision Aids:** By request.

#### **Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center**

400 South State Street  
 Chicago, IL 60605  
 (312) 747-4001  
 FAX: (312) 747-1609  
 Mamie Grady, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Heart of Illinois Talking Book Center**

Illinois Valley Library System  
 845 Brenkman Drive  
 Pekin, IL 61554  
 (309) 353-4110 or toll-free in Illinois  
 (800) 426-0709  
 FAX: (309) 353-8281  
 Valerie Wilford, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center**

Great River Library System  
 515 York  
 Quincy, IL 62301  
 (217) 224-6619 or toll-free in Illinois  
 (800) 537-1274 or TDD (217) 224-6619  
 Eileen Sheppard, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

#### **Southern Illinois Talking Book Center**

Shawnee Library System  
 607 Greenbriar Road  
 Carterville, IL 62918-1600  
 (618) 985-8375 or toll-free in Illinois  
 (800) 458-0475 or TDD (618) 985-8375  
 FAX: (618) 985-4211  
 Kristi Gordon, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Talking Book Center of Northwest Illinois**

P.O. Box 125  
 Coal Valley, IL 61240  
 (309) 799-3137 or toll-free in Illinois  
 (800) 747-3137  
 FAX: (309) 799-7916  
 Karen Odean, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

#### **Braille Transcribers Club of Illinois**

7240 North Overhill  
 Chicago, IL 60631-4206  
 (773) 774-6638  
 Martha E. Williams, Contact  
 Chairperson  
 Elaine L. Peterson, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Cook County.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational;

religious; foreign languages (French, Spanish, German).

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Central Blind Rehabilitation Center**

Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital  
P.O. Box 5000 (EH)

Hines, IL 60141

(708) 216-2272

FAX: (708) 531-7949

Charles Brancheau, Supervisor,  
Living Skills

**Area Served:** Midwest.

**Groups Served:** Adults.

**Types/Content:** Notes; learning aids.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/ cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Chicago Public Library Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

1055 West Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 746-9210

FAX: (312) 746-9192

Barbara Perkis, Acting Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Cook County.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, informational and educational.

**Media Formats:** Braille/ cassette books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Guild for the Blind**

180 North Michigan Avenue

Suite 1700

Chicago, IL 60601-7463

(312) 236-8569

FAX: (312) 236-8128

David M. McGowan, CFRE,  
Executive Director

Denise M. Butera, Director of  
Services

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; adults; senior citizens.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, career/ vocational, and religious publications.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print material, talking books/ cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Large-print, braille and audio lists available at no charge.

Free tape-lending library; audio, large print and audio transcription; braille, computer and Tae Kwon Do instruction; devotional material and self help books in large print, braille and audio cassette; education seminars for children and adults; phonote (a daily recording of retail and grocery stores ads); Consumer Product Center offering sensory and low vision aids; monthly newsletter, *Guild Briefs*.

### **Horizons for the Blind**

16-A Meadowdale Shopping  
Center

Carpentersville, IL 60114

(847) 836-1400 (voice/ TDD)

FAX: (847) 836-1443

Camille Caffarelli, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kane County.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational; menus; employment-related

documents for organizations and corporations.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/ cassettes; large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Supplied in print and braille forms with and without a charge.

### **Illinois Instructional Materials Center**

3031 Stanton

Springfield, IL 62703-4316

(217) 525-3300

FAX: (217) 525-7916

E-mail: ampost@springfield.kiz.  
il.us

Alice M. Post, Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sangamon County.

**Area Served:** Illinois.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually impaired people, children through adults.

**Types/Content:** Primarily instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.

### **Illinois School for the Visually Impaired**

658 East State Street

Jacksonville, IL 62650

(217) 479-4400

FAX: (217) 479-4479

Dorothy Arensman,

Superintendent

Eric Emberg, Assistant

Superintendent

**Area Served:** State of Illinois.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/ cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.



**Johanna Bureau for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Inc.**

8 South Michigan Avenue  
Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 332-6076  
FAX: (312) 332-0780  
Edith Weiner, Executive Chairman

**Area Served:** United States.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille and tape.

**LICA-NSSEO Vision East**

1131 South Dee Road  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
(847) 696-3600 or (800) 696-3600  
FAX: (847) 696-3254  
Gary Lieder, Special Education Director

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Area Served:** Chicago.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed with and without a charge.

**LICA-NSSEO Vision West**

1855 Mount Prospect Road  
Des Plaines, IL 60018  
(847) 803-9444  
FAX: (847) 803-9480  
E-mail: jkimellica@worldnet.att.net  
Jacqueline Kimel, Agency Administrator

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Area Served:** Northwest suburban Chicago.

**Groups Served:** Birth through age 21.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed with and without a charge.

**Naperville Area Transcribing for the Blind**

25 South Washington  
Naperville, IL 60540  
(630) 357-9464  
FAX: (630) 357-9464  
Gloria K. Buntrock, Coordinator

**Groups Served:** K-12 and adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Peoria Area Blind People's Center, Inc.**

2905 West Garden Street  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 637-3693  
Shirley Harlan, Executive Director

**Area Served:** 40-mile radius of Peoria county courthouse.

**Groups Served:** Visually impaired and blind.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

Chicago Unit  
18 South Michigan  
Room 806  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 236-8715  
FAX: (312) 236-8719  
E-mail: chicago@rdbd.org  
Jill Bulinski, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

University of Chicago  
Hinds Building, Room 59-B  
5734 South Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60637  
(773) 288-7077  
Brenda Smith, Director  
Maria Ahlstrom, Director

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

North Central College  
30 North Brainard Street  
Naperville, IL 60540  
(630) 420-0722  
Katherine Fuhrman, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Dupage County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

708 Oak Street  
P.O. Box 204  
Winnetka, IL 60093  
(847) 446-3338  
FAX: (847) 446-9062  
Barbara Gass, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Southern Illinois University**

Rehabilitation Institute  
Rehn Hall 317

Carbondale, IL 62901-4609  
(618) 536-7704  
FAX: (618) 453-8271  
Dr. Darrell Taylor, Associate Professor

**County/District Where Located:**

Jackson County.

**Groups Served:** College students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Division of Rehabilitation  
Education Services**

1207 South Oak Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 333-4604  
FAX: (217) 333-0248

Bryan McMurray, Supervisor,  
Services for Sensory  
Accommodations

**County/District Where Located:**

Champaign County.

**Groups Served:** College students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## RADIO READING

**APRIS**

c/o WVIK  
Augustana College  
639 38th Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 794-7500  
FAX: (309) 794-1236  
Diane Stokeld, Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1989.

**Area Served:** 60 miles WVIK/40 miles APRIS.

**Chicagoland Radio Information Service, Inc.**

77 East Randolph  
Pedestrian Walkway  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 541-8400  
FAX: (312) 541-8312  
Bonnie Miller-Barnes, General Manager

**County/District Where Located:**

Cook County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980; est. 1996:  
Dial-in News Reading Service.

**Area Served:** Chicago  
Metropolitan area.

**Illinois Radio Reader**

59 East Armory  
Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 333-6503  
E-mail: dgeiken@uiuc.edu  
Deane Geiken, Coordinator

**Funded by:** Illinois state library.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:00 AM-12:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.  
8:00 AM-11:00 PM; local

programming presented  
11:00 AM-11:00 PM weekdays,  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM weekends.  
Contact the reading service for  
exact schedule.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** 80-mile radius from  
Monticello, Illinois (transmitter  
site).

**Northern Illinois Radio  
Information Services/WNIJ**

711 North Main Street

Rockford, IL 61103  
(815) 961-8000  
Ann McHale, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Winnebago County.

**Northern Illinois Radio  
Information Services/WNIU-FM**

Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
(815) 753-0074  
Ann McHale, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
DeKalb County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7  
days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** 60-mile radius from  
DeKalb in northern Illinois.

**Radio Information Service**

Wabash Valley College  
2200 College Drive  
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863  
(618) 262-8641, ext. 253  
Glenda Raber, Program Director  
Jerry Bayne, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wabash County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Area Served:** 45-mile radius from  
Mt. Carmel, including portions of  
Indiana.

**Radio Information Service for  
Blind and Print Handicapped**

9541 Church Circle Drive  
Belleville, IL 62223  
(618) 397-6700, ext. 2221 or in St.  
Louis area, (314) 241-3400  
Joseph E. Kasperek, Executive  
Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
St. Claire County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:00 AM-12:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.  
8:00 AM-11:00 PM.



**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** Greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

### **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service**

P.O. Box 1056  
Carbondale, IL 62903  
(618) 549-5604  
FAX: (618) 453-6186  
E-mail: bill\_gilmore@wsiu.pbs.org  
Bill Gilmore, Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
5:00 AM-1:00 AM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Area Served:** Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Radio reading service for the blind and physically impaired.

### **WCBU Radio Information Service**

1501 West Bradley Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61625  
(309) 677-3690  
Keith Berry, General Manager  
Louis Grayer, Volunteer Coordinator

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** 40-mile radius from Peoria.

### **WIUM/WIUW Radio Information Service**

Western Illinois University  
504 Memorial Hall  
Macomb, IL 61455  
(309) 298-2403  
FAX: (309) 298-2133  
E-mail: carol\_dennhardt@ccmail.wiu.edu  
Carol Dennhardt, Director  
Ken Zahnle, Programming

**County/District Where Located:** McDonough County.

**Funded by:** School of Continuing Education at WIU, Illinois State Library, and local United Ways.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day. Local programming: Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.  
8:00 AM-11:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** All or parts of a 20-county area in west central Illinois, southeast Iowa, and northeast Missouri.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **WUIS/WIPA Radio Information Service**

University of Illinois at Springfield  
Springfield, IL 62794-9243  
(217) 786-6516  
FAX: (217) 786-6527  
E-mail: kearneytrish@uis.edu  
URL: <http://www.uis.edu/~wuis/wuis2.htm>  
Trish Kearney, Coordinator/Director

**County/District Where Located:** Sangamon County.

**Funded by:** Illinois State Library, University of Illinois at Springfield, WUIS/WIPA civic organizations, listeners; volunteers.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
5:00 AM-12:00 AM; Sat. 6:00 AM-12:00 AM; Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 AM,  
4:30 PM-6:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** 40-mile radius of Springfield, Illinois, and 40-mile radius of Pittsfield, Illinois.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **American Foundation for the Blind Midwest**

401 North Michigan Avenue  
Suite 308

Chicago, IL 60611

(312) 245-9961

FAX: (312) 245-9965

E-mail: [chicago@afb.org](mailto:chicago@afb.org)

URL: <http://www.afb.org>

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

#### **Chicago Affiliate**

1011 South Waiola  
La Grange, IL 60525  
(708) 354-8108  
FAX: (708) 354-8108  
Ann Rasch, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness**

407 South Dearborn Street  
Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 922-8710  
E-mail: [ispb@aol.com](mailto:ispb@aol.com)  
James A. McKechnie, Jr.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** To prevent needless blindness through education and information.

**Funded by:** Individual contributions, bequests, corporate & foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30AM - 4:30PM.

Promotes eye health/safety via public/professional education programs.

### **Prevent Blindness America**

500 East Remington Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173  
 (847) 843-2020 or PBA Center for  
 Sight (800) 331-2020 or (800) 221-  
 3004  
 FAX: (847) 843-8458  
 E-mail: preventblindness  
 @compuserve.com  
 URL: [http://www.prevent-  
 blindness.org](http://www.prevent-blindness.org)  
 Ricahrd T. Hellner, President and  
 CEO.

See Prevent Blindness America in  
 U.S. national listings. Local and  
 affiliate offices are listed in their  
 respective states.

#### See also in national listings:

**American Blind Skiing  
 Foundation**

**American Society for  
 Contemporary Ophthalmology**

**Hadley School for the Blind**

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

**Lions Clubs International**

**Myasthenia Gravis Foundation**

**National Easter Seals Society**

**National Eye Research  
 Foundation (Optometry)**

**Prevent Blindness America**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services**

623 East Adams Street  
 P.O. Box 19429  
 Springfield, IL 62794-9429  
 (217) 782-2093 or TDD (217) 782-  
 5734 or (800) 275-3677  
 FAX: (217) 785-5753  
 Audrey McCrimon, Director  
 Glenn Crawford, Deputy Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Sangamon County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Eligibility:** One of the following:  
 Adults who have a severe visual  
 impairment and require assistance  
 in adjusting to their loss of vision;  
 persons below age 60 whose  
 disability places them in danger of  
 long-term institutionalization and  
 for whom the cost of home  
 services would be reasonably  
 related to the cost of institutional  
 care (need not have a vocational  
 goal); severely disabled school-age  
 children and youths (blind, deaf,  
 and/or orthopedically disabled)  
 who would benefit from a  
 residential school setting and who  
 cannot be served appropriately by  
 local resources.

**Rehabilitation:** Directly provides  
 rehabilitation counseling,  
 guidance, some testing, job  
 placement services, rehabilitation  
 teaching and orientation/mobility  
 instruction in a community-based  
 or residential setting. Other  
 necessary services are purchased  
 in whole or in part (depending  
 upon similar benefits and other  
 resources) by the department.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Aurora:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 888 South  
 Edgelawn, Suite 1771, Aurora, IL  
 60505, (630) 892-7417 (voice) or  
 (TDD) (630) 892-7702.

**Belleville:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 601 South  
 High Street, Belleville, IL 62220,  
 (618) 235-5300 (voice/TDD).

**Carbondale:** Illinois Department  
 of Rehabilitation Services, 309 East  
 Jackson, P.O. Box 2348,  
 Carbondale, IL 62902-2348,  
 (618) 457-2107 (voice/TDD).

**Champaign:** Illinois Department  
 of Rehabilitation Services, 510  
 Devonshire, Champaign, IL 61820,  
 (217) 333-5707 or (TDD) (217) 333-  
 5716.

**Chicago:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 100 West  
 Randolph, Suite 8-100, Chicago, IL  
 60601, (312) 814-2934 (voice) or  
 (TDD) (312) 814-5000.

**Chicago:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 8840 South  
 Stony Island, Chicago, IL 60617,  
 (773) 768-6700 (voice/TDD).

**Chicago:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 6200 N.  
 Hiawatha, 3rd floor, Chicago, IL  
 60646, (312) 794-4800 (voice/TDD).

**Chicago:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 3710 North  
 Kedzie, Chicago, IL 60618-4504,  
 (773) 509-1070 or (TDD) (773) 509-  
 1058.

**Chicago:** Illinois Center for  
 Rehabilitation and Education, 1151  
 South Wood Street, Chicago, IL  
 60612, (312) 633-3520 (voice) or  
 (TDD) (312) 633-3524.

**Chicago:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 3556 South  
 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL  
 60608, (773) 650-4640 (voice/TDD).

**Chicago Heights:** Illinois  
 Department of Rehabilitation  
 Services, 1010 Dixie Highway, 4th  
 flr, Chicago Heights, IL 60411,  
 (708) 709-3333 (voice) or  
 (TDD) (708) 709-3337.

**Decatur:** Illinois Department of  
 Rehabilitation Services, 1065 West  
 Pershing Road, Decatur, IL 62526,  
 (217) 875-4866 (voice/TDD).

**Downers Grove:** Illinois  
 Department of Rehabilitation  
 Services, 2901 Finley Road, Suite  
 109, Downers Grove, IL 60515,  
 (630) 495-0500 (voice) or (TDD)  
 (630) 495-2294.



**Evergreen Park:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 9730 South Western Avenue, Room 612, Evergreen Park, IL 60805-2814, (708) 857-2350 or (TDD) (708) 857-2359.

**Granite City:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 3675 Nameoki Road, Granite City, IL 62040, (618) 877-0753 (voice/TDD).

**Jacksonville:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1429 South Main, Jacksonville, IL 62650, (217) 245-9585 (voice/TDD).

**Mt. Vernon:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4 Doctors Park Road, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, (618) 244-0331 (voice) or (TDD) (618) 244-0339.

**Peoria:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4808 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614, (309) 686-6000 or (TDD) (309) 686-6088.

**Rockford:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 615 North Longwood, Rockford, IL 61107, (815) 964-0360 (voice/TDD).

**Rock Island:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 4711 44th Street, Suite #3, Rock Island, IL 61201, (309) 786-6468 or (TDD) (309) 786-6460.

**Rolling Meadows:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 5340 Keystone Court, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, (847) 253-6200 (voice) or (TDD) (847) 253-1362.

**Springfield:** Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1124 North Walnut Street, Springfield, IL 62702, (217) 782-4830 (voice/TDD).

## REHABILITATION

### Blind Service Association

22 West Monroe  
11th Floor

Chicago, IL 60603-2501  
(312) 236-0808  
FAX: (312) 236-8679  
Anna Perlberg, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services to help blind and visually impaired people achieve and maintain independence.

**Funded by:** Private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-8:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 7 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1924.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness or reading disability.

**Area Served:** Chicago and five surrounding counties.

**Health:** Refers for diagnosis and evaluation of eye health.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help and support groups for young adults, seminars, "mid-lifers", job seekers.

**Educational:** Summer transition programs for high school students; variety of school-year programs for blind and visually impaired students in Chicago public schools.

**Reading:** Tape recording of college textbooks, personal, professional and business material; one-to-one reading services in organization's office, five public library satellite programs and clients' offices and homes.

**Recreational:** Variety of outings and parties.

**Computer Training:** Peer training, workshops, consultation.

**Low Vision:** Non-medical low vision consultation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assistance with ordering, as part of low vision consultation.

### Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired

625 Adams Street  
Rockford, IL 61107  
(815) 965-4454 (voice/TTD)  
FAX: (815) 965-6023  
Diane Jones, Director of Professional Services  
Linda O'Reilly, Instructor of Sensory Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Winnebago County.

**Mission:** To provide services to assist persons born with or affected by a sight or hearing loss in reaching their maximum potential and full community integration.

**Funded by:** Client fees; vocational rehabilitation funds; donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM and Thurs. 8:00 AM-12:30 PM low vision services.

**Staff:** 8 full-time; 11 part-time.

**History/Date:** Founded visually impaired center in 1962; hearing impaired services added in 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 550.

**Eligibility:** 18 years and older with documentation of a vision or hearing impairment.

**Area Served:** Northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adults for rehabilitation program; children-adults for low vision clinic.

**Health:** Agency serves persons for whom visual impairment is the primary disability.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group for consumers.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group for consumers.

**Professional Training:** Internships in rehabilitation teaching; rehabilitation counseling specialization.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home management; communication skills, in center or in clients' homes.

**Recreational:** Regularly scheduled social/recreational activities for adults with visual disabilities.

**Computer Training:** Access and training available.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic. On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loan/purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

### **Central Blind Rehabilitation Center**

#### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

P.O. Box 5000

Hines, IL 60141

(708) 216-2272

FAX: (708) 531-7949

J. J. Whitehead, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**County/District Where Located:**

Cook County.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**Funded by:** Department of Veteran Affairs.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30-bed inpatient capacity.

**Area Served:** Midwest states.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Staffed by part time physician and 24-hour nursing coverage.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling provided by psychologist and social worker.

**Professional Training:** Intern site for graduate students in

rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility.

**Reading:** Teach braille and use of low vision aids, plus reading machines.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides a comprehensive blind rehabilitation training program.

**Recreational:** Limited.

**Employment:** Prevocational counseling and testing provided.

**Computer Training:** Access training on computer aids and reading machines.

**Low Vision:** Full scope of low vision instruction.

**Low Vision Aids:** Issued to eligible blinded veterans.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By phone interview and questionnaire in 2-3 months.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

### **Central Illinois Sight Center TCRC Sight Center**

117 East Washington Street

East Peoria, IL 61611

(309) 698-4001

FAX: (309) 698-9227

Tina Probyn, Executive Vice President of Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Tazewell County.

**Mission:** To provide a broad range of services designed to meet critical, unmet needs of persons throughout central Illinois who are blind or partially sighted.

**Funded by:** Client fees; grants; donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986 as outgrowth and expansion of former Central Illinois Low Vision Aids Clinic.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** All of central Illinois without geographic restriction.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support services, case management, and referral services.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility; independent living services.

**Recreational:** Games and recreational aids available for purchase.

**Low Vision:** Clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids and appliances center has wide assortment of independent living aids available for demonstration and purchase. Includes electronic aids; health aids; lamps; household, kitchen, and sewing aids; writing aids; large-print bibles and reference books; recreation aids. Low vision clinic recommends and dispenses optical aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed, by phone or in person.

### **Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired**

1850 West Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874

FAX: (312) 243-8539

James Kesteloot, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.



**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop and promote effective programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

**Funded by:** Fees; United Way; grants; workshop sales; capital income; legacies and bequests; rehabilitation training fees.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:45 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible building and grounds.

**Staff:** 115 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired. Does not accept persons with uncontrolled seizures.

**Area Served:** Chicago and metropolitan area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; prescription of spectacles or aids. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Limited psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Educational:** Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons. Programs: birth-3, preschool, vocational skill development, high school equivalency.

**Preschools:** Child development program.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision, rehabilitation counseling, special education. In-service training programs. Short-term or summer training.

Programs open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Rehabilitation:** Handwriting; typing; video magnifiers; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; rehabilitation workshop; vocational placement; supported employment. Follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Training available, with focus on employment applications of computer and other sensory aids.

**Low Vision:** Clinic, two satellite programs.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids and equipment lending program.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

#### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults North Central Region Office**

205 West Wacker Drive  
Suite 919

Chicago, IL 60606-1212  
(312) 726-2090 (voice) or TDD  
(312) 726-2810

FAX: (312) 726-3503  
Catherine Klein, Secretary  
Laura Thomas Roebal, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** To facilitate a national, coordinated effort to meet the social, rehabilitative and independent living needs of Americans who are deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Budget:** \$7.4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM - 5:00AM.

**Area Served:** Northcentral states.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Health:** Must be in good health & free of communicable diseases.

**Employment:** Work experience and on-the-job training.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

#### **Kagan Home for the Blind**

3525 West Foster Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625

(773) 478-7040

FAX: (773) 478-4762

Robert Lieberman, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit; sheltered care home.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

**Budget:** \$910,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days a week.

**Staff:** Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1944.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50 residents.

**Eligibility:** Blind or legally blind.

**Area Served:** Chicago metropolitan area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 17 years and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family/parent, couple counseling.

**Educational:** College-level classes in cooperation with City College of Chicago.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

**Residential:** Room and board for blind and visually handicapped 15 years of age and up. Must be ambulatory and continent.

**Rehabilitation:** Referrals for physical, occupational and speech therapy.

**Employment:** Training programs and workshops.

**Computer Training:** Referrals.

**Low Vision:** Referrals to outside clinics.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Mary Bryant Home for the Blind**

2960 Stanton  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 529-1611  
FAX: (217) 529-6975  
Monica J. Lederbrand,  
Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Residential facility for visually impaired/blind individuals.

**Funded by:** Dues; donations; resident's income.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 18 full time. Uses volunteers.

**Number of Clients Served:** 46.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; able to care for self.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service programs.

**Residential:** Assisted living for adults.

**Recreational:** Recreational, religious, and community-service activities and educational programs.

### **Peoria Area Blind People's Center, Inc.**

2905 West Garden Street  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 637-3693  
Shirley Harlan, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for visually handicapped of central Illinois.

**Funded by:** Special events, contributions, United Way, grants, capital income, legacies and bequests, activity fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1956.

**Area Served:** 40 mile radius of Peoria.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Nutrition class.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Needs assessment; individual and family counseling; support network; peer counseling; information and referral service to other agencies.

**Reading:** Parent education; braille; handwriting skills; braille and large print materials; library and radio reader services.

**Rehabilitation:** Referral services and consultation to other agencies; volunteer opportunities for clients.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available through director.

### **Services for Sensory Accommodations**

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**Division of Rehabilitation Education Services**

1207 South Oak Street  
Champaign, IL 68120  
(217) 333-4604  
FAX: (217) 333-0248  
Paul Leung, Director  
Paul Reinert, Supervisor

**Mission:** To provide technical support to persons who use adapted computer technologies and services for students with disabilities.

**Funded by:** University of Illinois; private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 1.5 full-time equivalent. Professionals in physical therapy, recreation, athletics, counseling, and sensory impairment. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Eligibility:** Students attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign receive first priority for services.

**Age Requirements:** School aged; post-secondary school aged; and adults.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referral services; casework; group work; and psychological testing.

**Educational:** Post-high school.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Bowling; swimming.



**Computer Training:** Provide computer assessments/evaluations; one-on-one training on adapted computer technologies for individuals who are visually impaired.

### COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

#### Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital  
P.O. Box 5000 (EH)  
Hines, IL 60141  
(708) 343-7200  
FAX: (708) 531-7927  
Leonard Mowinski, Computer Training

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

#### Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

1850 West Roosevelt Road  
Chicago, IL 60608  
(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874  
FAX: (312) 243-8539  
James Kesteloot, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Equipment loans and employer services also available.

#### Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services Bureau of Blind Services

622 East Washington Street  
P.O. Box 19429  
Springfield, IL 62794-9429  
(217) 785-3887  
FAX: (217) 524-1235  
Alex J. Jones, Management Systems Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

#### Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street  
Jacksonville, IL 62650-2183  
(217) 479-4400  
FAX: (217) 479-4479  
URL: <http://www.dors.state.il.us/isvi>  
Brian Fay, Assistive Technology Specialist  
Patricia Langdon, Low Vision Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Evaluations and training of assistive technologies including computer screen magnification, speech input/output, reading systems, and stand alone products. Most major vendor products are used including GW Micro, Telesensory, HumanWave, Henter-Joyce, AFB, APH, ABP, AI-squared, Micro System Internat'l, DecTalk, RCSys, Automated Functions, Blazie Engineering, and others.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Illinois Association of Ophthalmology

Metro Square One  
Ten West Phillips Road  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1730  
(847) 680-1666  
FAX: (847) 680-1682  
E-mail: [ileyedocs@aol.com](mailto:ileyedocs@aol.com)  
Rich Paul, Executive Director  
John Hanlon M.D., President

**County/District Where Located:** Lake County.

#### Illinois Optometric Association

304 West Washington Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 525-8012  
Michael G. Horstman, President

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Central Blind Rehabilitation Center

Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital  
P.O. Box 5000 (EH)  
Hines, IL 60141  
(708) 216-2124  
FAX: (708) 531-7949  
Dr. Joan Stelmark, Director

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** To provide blind rehabilitation training.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind veterans only; ophthalmologic report required.

**Area Served:** Midwest.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no fee charged; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By phone interview and questionnaire in 3 months; occasionally by return appointment; home visit after 9 months and visit to place of employment.

**Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired**

1850 West Roosevelt Road  
Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 666-1331 or TDD (312) 666-8874

FAX: (312) 243-8539

Marge Miller, Director of Clinical Services

A. A. Rosenbloom, O.D.

Gerald Fishman, M.D.

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** To create opportunities for blind and visually impaired people, including those who are multiply disabled. To develop and promote effective programs that maximize the potential for independent living, assist in achieving economic self-support, and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

**Funded by:** Client fees; Department of Rehabilitation Services funding.

**Budget:** \$269,782.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri; hours vary.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry student/resident; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant; rehabilitation

counselor; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 700.

**Eligibility:** Prior ophthalmological exam.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Rehabilitation:** Referrals.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By phone interview in 6 months and return appointment at that time by patient's request; 2-year review questionnaire.

**Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation**

219 East Cole Avenue  
Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 690-7115

FAX: (630) 690-9037

E-mail: tech center:

eyetec@interaccess.com

R. Tracy Williams, O.D., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Du Page County.

**Mission:** To help people with visual impairments become as independent as possible through comprehensive visual rehabilitation.

**Funded by:** Client fees, foundation grants, private donations.

**Budget:** \$543,995.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 5 part-time; low vision assistants; optometrist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000 to date.

**Eligibility:** Doctor or rehabilitation referral or current ophthalmology report.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 6 years and up.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group and family counseling.

**Professional Training:** Supervision/training programs in gerontology, low vision, optometry, social work.

**Reading:** Large print-books.

**Rehabilitation:** Training in activities of daily living and use of optical devices and high tech.

**Computer Training:** Computers with speech capability and enlargement software.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed/fitted for purchase; trial period.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interviews.

**Eye Clinic, Children's Memorial Hospital**

2300 Children's Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60614

(773) 880-4532

Mark Greenwald, Head, Division of Ophthalmology

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology residents.

**Area Served:** Chicago metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** Under 16 years.



**Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education**

1151 South Wood Street  
Chicago, IL 60612  
(312) 633-3520  
Betty Odem Davis, Director

**Type of Agency:** Part of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Blind Services.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Funded by:** State.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Tues. 1:00PM - 4:30PM; Wed. 9:00AM - 12 noon.

**Staff:** Optometrist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility specialist, vocational counselor, adjustment counselor.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment interfering with work or independence.

**Area Served:** Illinois.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Educational:** GED program.

**Reading:** Braille and tape instruction.

**Employment:** Vocational counseling.

**Computer Training:** Orientation; some advanced classes.

**Low Vision:** Clinical services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Illinois Eye Institute/Illinois College of Optometry**

3241 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60616  
(312) 949-7255  
John Rimkus O.D., Vision Rehabilitation Services  
Dennis Siemsen O.D., Chief

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** To provide a wide range of quality services to blind and visually impaired children, adults and seniors. As a clinical facility, we have a dual mission to train the next generation of eye health professionals.

**Funded by:** Patient fees; foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Sat. by appointment.

**Staff:** Low vision specialists, optometrists; ophthalmologist; opticians.

**History/Date:** Est. 1872.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Health:** Optometry, ophthalmology, and internal medicine services available on site.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** On-site.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living activities; orientation and mobility; referrals.

**Computer Training:** Large-print computer programs available; training referrals.

**Low Vision:** Full variety of low vision services provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Wide variety of low vision aids available for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By telephone or in person.

**Loyola University Medical Center****Department of Ophthalmology**

2160 South First Avenue  
Maywood, IL 60153  
(708) 216-3789  
FAX: (708) 216-3557  
Walter Jay, Chairman  
Peggy Squires, COA

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** Provides vision aids and training in their use to visually

impaired persons and refer patients for advanced services and equipment as necessary.

**Funded by:** Medical School.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessibility.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** About 120 new patients per year.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals to appropriate local agencies and self-help groups.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By appointment.

**Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation**

645 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(312) 943-4272  
Carol Barron, O.D., Director, Low Vision

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Funded by:** Client fees, private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; ophthalmology resident/assistant; optometrist; optician.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned at no cost; can be purchased; prescribed; fitted.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

**Veterans Administration  
West Side Medical Center  
VICTORS Program**

820 South Damen  
Chicago, IL 60612  
(312) 666-6500, ext. 3501  
FAX: (312) 633-2148  
E-mail: stelmack.t@chicago-west.va.gov  
Thomas R. Stelmack, O.D., Chief,  
Optometry Service and Director,  
VICTORS

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Cook County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive multidisciplinary low vision rehabilitation services to partially sighted veterans in a manner allowing training with devices prescribed and dispensed during program.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-7:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist on consulting basis. One person trained in orientation and mobility and low vision training functions as low vision training specialist, psychologist and medical social worker. Audiologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1996.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100 per year.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired veterans.

**Area Served:** Midwest/north central United States.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Social worker, psychologist routinely see patients.

**Professional Training:** Teaching program with residents and students.

**Rehabilitation:** Intensive 4-day residential rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

**Computer Training:** Computer access provided.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptions at no charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interviews.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Illinois Department on Aging**

421 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 785-2870 or Information & Referral In State (800) 252-8966  
FAX: (217) 785-4477  
Maralee Lindley, Acting Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services**

623 East Adams Street  
P.O. Box 19429  
Springfield, IL 62794-9429  
(217) 782-2093 or (800) 275-3677  
FAX: (217) 524-1234  
Andrey McCrimon, Director  
Linda Krueger, Public Service Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# INDIANA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Indiana Department of Education Division of Special Education

Room 229, State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798  
(317) 232-0581  
FAX: (317) 232-0589  
E-mail: knoths@speced.state.in.us

Sharon Knoth, Consultant,  
Visually Impaired  
Leslie C. Durst, Resource  
Coordinator for Indiana  
Educational Resource Center

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state aid for visually impaired children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational programs. Maintains lending library of braille and large-type textbooks.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 31.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Eligibility:** Determined pursuant to P.L. 101-476.

**Area Served:** Indiana.

**Age Requirements:** 3 - 21 years.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area, or Sharon Knoth at the above address.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### First Steps Family and Social Services Administration

402 West Washington Street  
W-386

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-2429

FAX: (317) 232-7948

Maureen Greer, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marion County.

Implements a statewide system of early intervention services in Indiana for infants and toddlers (birth through age 2) with delays, disabilities, or at risk of substantial delays, and their families. Provides information and referral to assist in identifying a local referral contact for early intervention services.

### SCHOOLS

#### Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

(317) 253-1481

FAX: (317) 251-6511

E-mail: michael\_bina@inspeced.ccmil.compuserve.com

Dr. Michael Bina, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To ensure that each student enters adulthood adequately prepared for further education, work, and independent living. Has both on- and off-campus programs for school-age residents of the state who have visual impairments.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$8 million.

**Staff:** 255.

**History/Date:** Est. 1847.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200 on campus; 150 through outreach programs.

**Eligibility:** School-age residents of the state who are blind and visually impaired.

**Area Served:** State of Indiana.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0 - 21 years.

**Health:** General medical, psychiatric, neurological, physical therapy; occupational therapy, dental, low vision services; genetic counseling; ophthalmologic services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Comprehensive services available in meeting student's individual needs.

**Educational:** Preschool through 12th grade. Programs are adapted per students' individual needs.

**Preschools:** Consultation and direct services to preschool children and parents.

**Residential:** Independent and semi-independent living homes are available in addition to dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; home economics; independent living.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs in bowling, swimming, wrestling, track, cheerleading, scouting, intramural sports, forensics, community activities.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and career preparation training.

**Computer Training:** Comprehensive program available.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation, training, and follow-up service.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids are available, including training in effective use of them.

**INFANT AND PRESCHOOL****Gary Community Public Schools Corporation**

Lew Wallace Building, Suite B122  
415 West 45th Avenue  
Gary, IN 46408  
(219) 980-6305  
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special  
Education Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**Mission:** Serve blind and visually impaired children and youths in a mainstream setting.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program, private donations, P.L. 94-142, state funds, and local property taxes.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 12 full time (dually certified teachers and teachers of visually impaired children); 5 paraprofessionals; 3 part time; various specialists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired infants, children and youths, with or without other disabilities.

**Area Served:** Gary School District and nearby communities.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Preschool age - postschool age.

**Health:** Refers for genetic counseling, immunizations. Blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Parent counseling; student counseling and guidance; family counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Bilingual instruction; home teaching; visually impaired and multiply disabled classes; resource

rooms; itinerant program for preschool children, 3-5 years. Provides computer literacy instruction, assistance with regular class subjects.

**Preschools:** Provides instruction for infants and preschoolers.

**Reading:** Provides textbooks, educational materials in braille, large-print, cassette tapes and on computer disks.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers to rehabilitation agencies.

**Recreational:** Refers to camps, local recreational facilities; provides adaptive aquatics and recreation.

**Employment:** Assists students in securing summer and afterschool employment with local businesses. Provides computer training and exposure to technology.

**Low Vision:** Assessments, opticals, training, and follow-up in cooperation with Indiana University. Each student is evaluated every 3 years and provided with necessary opticals and aids free of charge.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provides closed-circuit televisions, magnifiers, and other aids for school work.

Consultant services to other programs for visually impaired / multiply disabled infants, 0-3 years and to students ages 3-21, transitional services and vocational and career guidance.

**STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES****Indiana School for the Blind**

7725 North College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
(317) 253-1481  
FAX: (317) 251-6511  
E-mail: judy\_whyte@isbmail.  
ccmail.compuserve.com  
Judith Whyte, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1847.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Psychoeducational, orientation and mobility, low vision, literacy assessment, functional vision assessment, computer skills, and preschool assessments.

**Consultation to Public Schools:**

In all academic and skill areas.

**Direct Service:** In all academic and skill areas, depending upon staff availability.

**Parent Assistance:** Consultations, direct service, and training.

**Materials Production:** Braille and large print instructional aids.

**Professional Training:** Workshops for parents and professionals.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS****Indiana Educational Resource Center****Indiana School for the Blind**

7725 North College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
(317) 232-0587  
FAX: (317) 475-9181  
Leslie C. Durst, Outreach Resource Coordinator

**Area Served:** State of Indiana.

**Groups Served:** Students preschool-12th grade.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large-print, braille, print.

Provides adapted classroom materials to students through a statewide centralized depository.



## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Bartholomew County Public Library**

536 Fifth Street  
Columbus, IN 47201  
(812) 379-1277  
Wilma J. Perry, Coordinator

Subregional library.

#### **Blind and Physically Handicapped Services**

Elkhart Public Library  
300 South Second  
Elkhart, IN 46516-3184  
(219) 522-2665, ext. 46  
Pat Ciancio, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Indiana State Library Special Services Division**

140 North State Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 232-3684 or toll-free in  
Indiana (800) 622-4970 or TDD  
(317) 232-7763  
FAX: (317) 232-3728  
E-mail: lbph@statelib.lib.in.  
us

URL: <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us>  
Lissa Shanahan, Regional Librarian

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marion County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Primarily  
telephone and mail service.

**Staff:** 13.

**History/Date:** Est. 1905.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
13,000.

**Eligibility:** Anyone prevented  
from reading a standard print book

due to a visual or physical  
disability.

**Area Served:** Indiana.

National Library Service for the  
Blind and Physically Handicapped  
Regional Library provides braille,  
large-type and recorded books and  
magazines and the equipment  
needed to play the recorded books.  
Free library service for anyone  
who qualifies.

#### **Northwest Indiana Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Lake County Public Library  
1919 West 81st Avenue  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
(219) 769-3541, ext. 237 or  
(219) 769-3541  
Joanne Pansasuk, Coordinator

Subregional library.

#### **Readers' Services Department**

Allen County Public Library  
P.O. Box 2270  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801  
(219) 424-7241, ext. 2215  
Joyce Misner, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Talking Book Services**

Evansville-Vanderburgh County  
Public Library  
22 S.E. Fifth Street  
Evansville, IN 47708  
(812) 428-8235  
Barbara Shanks, Librarian

Subregional library.

### TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

#### **Indiana State Library Special Services Division**

140 North State Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 232-3684 or (800) 622-4970  
FAX: (317) 232-3728  
E-mail: lbph@statelib.lib.in.  
us

URL: <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/lbph/lvph0.html>  
Lissa Shanahan, Indiana Regional  
Librarian

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marion County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri,  
8:00AM - 4:30PM.

**Staff:** 13.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
13,000.

**Eligibility:** Anyone unable to read  
a standard print book due to a  
visual or physical disability.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

National Library Service for the  
Blind and Physically Handicapped  
Regional Library provides braille,  
large-type and recorded books and  
the equipment needed to play the  
recorded books. Free library  
service for anyone who qualifies.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### **Gary Public Schools, V.I.P. Resource Center**

Lew Wallace Building, Suite B122  
415 West 45th Avenue  
Gary, IN 46408  
(219) 980-6305  
Bashir A. Masoodi, Special  
Education Coordinator

**Groups Served:** K-12, college  
students, other adults,  
preschoolers.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
recreational, career/vocational,  
counseling, career planning.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available.

## RADIO READING

### Central Indiana Radio Reading, Inc.

1401 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(317) 636-2020, ext. 2003  
FAX: (317) 633-7418  
E-mail: bill\_franzmann@wfyi.pbs.org  
Bill Franzmann, Director  
Jennifer Evans, Volunteer Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Funded by:** Central Indiana Radio Reading, Inc.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** 35-40-mile radius from Indianapolis.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### North Eastern Indiana Radio Reading Service, Inc. (NEIRRS)

920 Florence Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808  
(219) 422-8230  
FAX: (219) 423-6191  
Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok,  
Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Allen County.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 5 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Northeastern Indiana and small portion of northwestern Ohio.

### WNIN Radio Reading Service

405 Carpenter  
Evansville, IN 47708  
(812) 423-2973  
FAX: (812) 428-7548  
E-mail: jnoyes@wnindsmtpt.usi.edu  
Jean Noyes, Station Manager  
Joan Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Vanderburgh County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun. 8:00 AM - 12 Noon; In Touch: 24 hours per day.

**Staff:** Volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Area Served:** Tri-state area.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### Prevent Blindness Indiana

911 East 86th Street  
Suite 102  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
(317) 257-2020  
FAX: (317) 259-8175  
E-mail: 104706.1103@compuserve.com  
John Pratt, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association of Visual Science Librarians

Christian Mission for the Blind

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Blind and Visually Impaired Services

#### Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Indiana Government Center  
402 West Washington Street  
P.O. Box 7083  
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083  
(317) 232-1433  
FAX: (317) 232-6478  
Richard Parrish, Deputy Director  
Bobby Conner, Director, Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To assist Indiana citizens who are blind / visually impaired in achieving vocational and personal independence by providing and supporting coordinated, effective, and efficient services and advocacy statewide.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 33.

**History/Date:** Est. 1915.

**Eligibility:** A visual impairment that results in the inability to obtain or maintain suitable employment.

**Age Requirements:** Employment age.

**Health:** Public education about visual impairments.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation / mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications. (Provided by the Bosma Rehabilitation Center and the Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching Program).



**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational training; vending stand training and placement.

**Computer Training:** Computer literacy and exposure to technology. Sensory aid assessments to determine and recommend needs of clients for sensory aids for training and/or employment.

**Low Vision:** Resource and referral services.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Conducted by the Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching Program at 2, 6, and 12 months to determine effectiveness of prescribed low vision aids.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Clarksville:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 1452 Vaxter Avenue, P.O. Box 2517, Clarksville, IN 47131, (812) 288-8261.

**Evansville:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Evansville Area Office, 2305 West Michigan, Evansville, IN 47712, (812) 425-4545.

**Fort Wayne:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Fort Wayne Area Office, 702 Commerce Building, 219 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, (219) 426-9781.

**Gary:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Gary Area Office, 504 Broadway, Suite 444, Gary, IN 46402, (219) 881-6746.

**Indianapolis:** Randolph-sheppard Vending Training Program, 402 West Washington Street, W453, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083.

**Indianapolis:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 2506 Willowbrook Parkway, Suite 320, Indianapolis, IN 46205, (317) 254-6700.

**Indianapolis:** Bosma Rehabilitation Center, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**Indianapolis:** Adaptive Technology Lab, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**Indianapolis:** Randolph-Sheppard Vending Training Program, 445 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**Lafayette:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Lafayette Area Office, 323 Columbia Street, Suite 2A, Lafayette, IN 47901-1315, (317) 423-2276.

**Muncie:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 201 East Charles Street, Suite 130, Muncie, IN 47305, (317) 282-9863.

**South Bend:** Vocational Rehabilitation Services, South Bend Area Office, 221 West Wayne Street, South Bend, IN 46601, (219) 232-4861.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Bosma Industries for the Blind**

59 South State Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46201-3876  
(317) 684-0600  
FAX: (317) 684-1946  
Barry Graves, Director

**Type of Agency:** Manufacturing plant employing blind and visually impaired workers.

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Mission:** To provide vocational training and employment opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Sale of products, fees for service, and donations.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** State operated 1915-1988; private corporation since 1988.

**Number of Clients Served:** 95-100 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Indiana.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Educational:** Vocational training program and job placement.

**Employment:** Sheltered, transitional, and competitive.

#### **Evansville Association for the Blind, Inc.**

500 Second Avenue  
P.O. Box 6445  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 422-1181  
FAX: (812) 424-3154  
E-mail: eabdc@evansville.net  
Frank E. Kern, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Vanderburgh County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, physically and emotionally impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; janitorial product sales; sub-contracts; capital funds; donations; trusts.

**Budget:** 1997: \$3,399,500.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 23 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1918; inc. 1923.

**Number of Clients Served:** 700.

**Eligibility:** Disability and need the Association can meet.

**Area Served:** Southwestern Indiana, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Refers for some health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Summer on-campus college program.

**Preschools:** Referrals to other agencies only.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; special education. Regular in-service training programs conducted for staffs of health care facilities.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Special programs for persons over 55.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Adaptive technology available as well as clerical vocational skills training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.**

5800 Fairfield Avenue  
Suite 210

Fort Wayne, IN 46807  
(219) 745-5491 or (800) 889-3443  
FAX: (219) 744-2202

David A. Nelson, Executive Director

Julie Garshwiler, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Allen County.

**Funded by:** Donations and bequests, grants, vocational rehabilitation contracts.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950.

**Number of Clients Served:** 260.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, print impaired.

**Area Served:** Northeastern Indiana.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual/family

counseling; peer support/groups.

**Reading:** Volunteer reading services; braille transcription; large-print reproduction; cassette duplication.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; personal management; communications; low vision technology; computer technology; household management; Job Accommodation Center; information/referral.

**Recreational:** Sports and social activities organized.

**Employment:** Job Accommodation Center. Provides technical assistance to employees and employers concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Computer Training:** Individual instruction in speech synthesis, magnification systems, word processing, and databases.

**Low Vision:** Adaptive/low vision aids for sale or loan.

### **Northern Indiana Independent Living Service ADEC Resources for Independence**

702 Williams Street

Elkhart, IN 46516

(219) 293-7509

FAX: (219) 293-8783

James E. Grice, Executive Director

Cary Kelsey, Department Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind persons. Provides services for school-age children, vocational rehabilitation services for working-age adults, and independent living services for older persons.

**Funded by:** Fees set by state; grants.

**Budget:** 1992: \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Center-based facility is accessible. Also provide itinerant services in clients' homes or neighborhoods.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 360.

**Eligibility:** 20/60 or less or field restriction of 20 degrees or less for traditional vocational rehabilitation referral. Newsprint disability for persons served through independent living program.

**Area Served:** All of northern Indiana for vocational rehabilitation and public school referrals. Elkhart, La Porte, St. Joseph, Marshall, and Kosciusko Counties only for independent living program.



**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Independent living program, age 55 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation teaching.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

**Residential:** On-site residential services for youths and adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training; low vision training.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; bowling; evening activities; beep ball; goal ball.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops. Assists with job development and job coaching for vocational rehabilitation referrals. Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally impaired, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled persons. Programs for vocational skill development.

**Computer Training:** Computer lab with IBM hardware and various software applications. Voice synthesis zoom text, and screen reader available.

**Low Vision:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## **Program for Visually Impaired Adults**

### **Family Service Association**

615 North Alabama  
Foundation Building, Room 220  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 634-6341  
Anita Osborne, Program Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Funded by:** United Way; Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis; and private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Marion County over 18 years of age; blind or visually impaired.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Skill development; eye diseases and related topics; information and referral.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Short-term training.

**Reading:** Braille books. Takes applications for Talking Book Division of State Library.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

**Recreational:** Special programs for elderly persons; training in leisure time activities; volunteer opportunities for clients.

**Low Vision Aids:** Lends aids and appliances.

## **Trade Winds Rehabilitation Center**

5901 West Seventh Avenue  
P.O. Box 6308  
Gary, IN 46406-0308  
(219) 949-4000 or (800) 694-4242, ext. 202  
FAX: (219) 944-8134  
Marianne Randjelovic, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit vocational rehabilitation.

**County/District Where Located:** Lake County.

**Mission:** To enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities and special challenges.

**Funded by:** United Way; Vocational Rehabilitation; First Steps; Medicaid; Veterans Administration.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Community-based and site-based transportation available.

**Staff:** 220.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Any person with a visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Primarily northwest Indiana, statewide available.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** No special requirements.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group.

**Preschools:** Day child care services available.

**Reading:** Braille and verbal to cassette tape available.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home mechanics; daily living skills (cooking, cleaning, personal care, etc.); communications (braille and cassette tape); orientation/

mobility; social services to individual and family.

**Recreational:** Community outings with support group.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; work adjustment; vocational placement; workshop program; vocational skills training; supported employment; follow-up services; psychological testing.

**Computer Training:** Screen reader software, voice synthesis, braille translation, and alternative computer access.

**Low Vision:** Referral available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assistive technology and adaptive aids for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Referral available.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### ADEC Resources for Independence

702 Williams Street  
Elkhart, IN 46516  
(219) 293-7509  
FAX: (219) 293-8783  
Charlie Adams, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:**  
Elkhart County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; word processing.

Also works with spreadsheets, database applications, DOS functions, magnification systems, braille output, Braille 'n Speak. Does on-job-site consultation.

### Crossroads Rehabilitation Center

4740 Kingsway Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46205  
(317) 466-2013

FAX: (317) 466-2000

E-mail: xroadsatc@iquest.net

URL: <http://www.iquest.net/crossroads>

Thomas Blackman, Manager,  
Assistive Technology Center and  
Central Indiana Technology  
Resource & Information Center

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marion County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Equipment loan and demonstration center.

### League for the Blind and Disabled

5800 Fairfield Avenue, Suite 210  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807  
(219) 745-5491 (voice / TTD) or  
(800) 889-3443

FAX: (219) 744-2202

E-mail: lbfw@ct/net.com

David A. Nelson, Executive Director

John Gulnrich, Program Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allen County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology

5920 Castleway West Drive  
Suite 210

Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 577-3062

FAX: (317) 577-3061

Joy Newby, Executive Director

#### Indiana Optometric Association

201 North Illinois Street  
Suite 1920

Indianapolis, IN 46204-4236

(317) 237-3560

Ronald W. Wuensch, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Indianapolis Eye Care Center Indiana University School of Optometry

501 Indiana  
Suite 100

Indianapolis, IN 46202

(317) 321-1470

FAX: (317) 321-1475

Debra McConnaha, Low Vision Service Chief

**County/District Where Located:**  
Marion County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible to disabled persons.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry interns; optometric assistant/technician.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as indicated.



## ◆ *Aging Services*

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### **Bureau of Aging In-Home Services**

402 West Washington Street  
#E-431

Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083  
(317) 232-7020 or Information &  
Referral in state (800) 545-7763  
FAX: (317) 232-7867  
Geneva Shedd, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### **Family and Social Services Administration Disability, Aging and Rehabilitation Services**

402 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46207  
(317) 232-6478  
Kary Kelsey, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# IOWA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Iowa Department of Education

Grimes State Office Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

(515) 281-4030

FAX: (515) 242-5988

Ted Stilwill, Director

Nancy Brees, Administrative  
Secretary, Special Education  
Division

Ian Stewart, Consultant, Visual  
Disabilities

**County/District Where Located:**  
Polk County.

**Mission:** Administers  
supplemental state funds for  
visually impaired children  
attending local schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Iowa.

**Health:** Offers psychological  
testing and eye health public  
education program.

**Educational:** Provides  
consultation on educational  
programs.

**Reading:** Distributes braille and  
large-type textbooks, tapes, and  
tape recorders.

For information about local  
facilities, consult the Bureau of  
Special Education of the  
Department of Education.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Bureau of Special Education**  
**Iowa State Department of**  
**Education**

Grimes State Office Building

Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

(515) 281-5433

FAX: (515) 242-6019

Mary Schertz, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Polk County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue

Vinton, IA 52349

(319) 472-5221

FAX: (319) 472-4371

Dennis Thurman, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To serve Iowa students  
of all ability levels who are  
visually impaired and to prepare  
them to function as independently  
as possible in all aspects of adult  
life.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$4.2 million.

**Staff:** 90 full-time equivalents;  
uses volunteers; various therapists  
and specialists available as  
consultants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1853.

**Number of Clients Served:** 55 in  
residential program; 350 in  
outreach programs.

**Eligibility:** Blind and partially  
sighted students with or without  
additional disabilities.

**Area Served:** Iowa.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5-21 years.

**Health:** Medical services are  
available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Parent counseling;  
consultant services; orientation/  
mobility consultation.

**Educational:** Provides instruction  
in all developmental areas. K  
through 12th grade; resource  
services; educational evaluations.

**Preschools:** Through outreach  
program.

**Reading:** Large-print materials;  
materials loan; and media services.

**Residential:** Y.

**Recreational:** Full line of  
recreational activities, including  
athletics, forensics, music, and  
overseas trips.

**Employment:** Transition planning;  
vocational work experience  
placements.

**Computer Training:** Access,  
training on computer aids and  
devices; state depository for high  
technology equipment and  
learning aids.

**Low Vision:** Low vision and  
ophthalmology exams available on  
consultant or referral basis; low  
vision clinics; state vision  
consultant.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided as  
part of the school's low vision  
clinics.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Through  
low vision clinics.

Materials and consultant services  
to parents of visually impaired  
children and to the public schools.

Contact area education agency for  
program information.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue

Vinton, IA 52349

(319) 472-5221

FAX: (319) 472-4371

E-mail: d.stock@www.mebbs.com

Ian Stewart, Director, Outreach  
Services

**Funded by:** State funds; and fee  
for service.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21.



**Assessment:** Field or center-based educational and functional skills assessments and low vision clinics.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Y.

**Direct Service:** Orientation and mobility, itinerant teachers, low vision clinic follow-up.

**Parent Assistance:** Y.

**Materials Production:** Large-print, braille, tactile adaptations.

**Professional Training:** Workshops and in-service training.

**Type of Agency:** Public library for the blind and physically handicapped.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 26.

**History/Date:** Est. 1960.

**Number of Clients Served:** 9,100.

**Eligibility:** Inability to use standard print with ease because of blindness, visual impairment, physical disabilities, or reading disabilities based on organic dysfunctions.

**Area Served:** Iowa.

Produces and supplies talking books, braille books, large-type books and cassette machines.

**History/Date:** Est. 1989.

**Area Served:** 60 mile radius around both Des Moines and Fort Dodge.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Iowa Affiliate

P.O. Box 1213

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

(319) 236-2830

Jack Johns, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### Prevent Blindness Iowa

1111 Ninth Street, Suite 250

Des Moines, IA 50314

(515) 244-4341

FAX: (515) 244-4718

E-mail: 104706.2025@compuserve.com

Jeanne Burmeister, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Polk County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

1002 G Avenue

Vinton, IA 52349

(319) 472-5221, ext. 1233

FAX: (319) 472-4371

E-mail: d.hassman@mebbs.com

Dotta J. Hassman, Coordinator

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street

Des Moines, IA 50309-2364

(515) 281-1333 or TDD (515) 281-1355

FAX: (515) 281-1378

Carol Eckey, Librarian

Karen Paloma, Librarian

**Area Served:** Iowa.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; career, vocational materials; leisure.

**Media Formats:** Braille, cassette, recorded disk, large-type, computer disk.

**Title Listings:** 89,000 titles, catalogs of media and genre available.

## RADIO READING

### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)

100 East Euclid Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50313

(515) 243-6833

Laurie Nelson-Hood, Director

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

#### Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street

Des Moines, IA 50309-2364

(515) 281-1333 or toll-free in Iowa

(800) 362-2587 or TDD (515) 281-1355

FAX: (515) 281-1378

Catherine Ford, Program Manager/Librarian

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street

Des Moines, IA 50309-2364

(515) 281-1333 or toll-free in Iowa

(800) 362-2587 or TDD (515) 281-1355

FAX: (515) 281-1263

E-mail: creigs@blind.state.ia.us

R. Creig Slayton, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To work with Iowans who are blind in support of their rights and aspirations to participate fully, productively, and equally as first-class citizens with society.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Building and facilities are accessible. Information is provided in alternative media.

**Staff:** 95 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 10,000.

**Eligibility:** For most purposes, any Iowan who is considered blind or deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Iowa.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral service.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Reader service.

**Residential:** Adult orientation and adjustment training center.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; industrial arts; home economics; communications; independent living deaf-blindness services; guidance and counseling; training and information.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** As warranted on a case-by-case basis.

#### Local Offices:

**Cedar Rapids:** Department for the Blind, 118 Third Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, (319) 365-9111.

**Waterloo:** Department for the Blind, First National Building, Suite 400, Waterloo, IA 50703, (319) 235-1403.

### COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

#### Iowa Department for the Blind

524 Fourth Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2364  
(515) 281-1309 or TDD (515) 281-1355

FAX: (515) 281-1263  
Doris Moritz, Assistive Technology Clerk

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Iowa Academy of Ophthalmology

Ten West Phillips Road  
Metro Square One, Suite 120  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061  
(847) 680-1666  
Richard H. Paul, Executive Director

#### Iowa Optometric Association

1454 30th Street  
Suite 204  
West Des Moines, IA 50266-1312  
(515) 222-5679  
Virgil Deering, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Low Vision Clinic Department of Ophthalmology, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

200 Hawkins Drive  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
(319) 356-2215  
FAX: (319) 353-7699  
Christine W. Sindt, O.D., Director,  
Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Johnson County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation and counseling.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist, low vision assistant, ophthalmologist, ophthalmology resident, optician, social worker, genetic counselor.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500/year.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Rehabilitation:** Provide counseling for activities of daily living.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and provided for purchase; provides for trial use at no charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointments are given if necessary.

#### Low Vision/Contact Lens Service

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Department of Ophthalmology  
200 Hawkins Drive



Iowa City, IA 52242-1091  
 (319) 356-2861  
 FAX: (319) 356-0363  
 E-mail: william-mathers@uiowa.edu  
 URL: <http://www.uiowa.edu>  
 William Mathers, Director of  
 Contact Lens

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Johnson County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Vision Rehabilitation Institute  
 Genesis Medical Center**

1351 West Central Park  
 Suite 3700  
 Davenport, IA 52804  
 (319) 421-1587 or (800) 383-1298  
 E-mail: mewilkin@netexpress.net  
 Mark E. Wilkinson, O.D.,  
 Optometric Director  
 Julie Yoerger, Low Vision Educator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To improve the quality  
 of life of all individuals with visual  
 impairments.

**Funded by:** Client fees,  
 foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.- Fri.  
 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully  
 accessible.

**Staff:** Audiologist; low vision  
 assistant; occupational therapist;  
 ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:** 450.

**Eligibility:** All visually impaired  
 individuals. No referral required.

**Area Served:** Unlimited; primary  
 areas: eastern Iowa and western  
 Illinois.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Counselor/social worker/  
 vocational evaluator, psychiatrist  
 available.

**Rehabilitation:** Counselors /  
 orientation and mobility  
 instructors available.

**Recreational:** Programmer/  
 coordinator available.

**Computer Training:** Access and  
 training provided through  
 Telesensory.

**Low Vision:** On-site training  
 provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loan/purchase;  
 prescriptions filled.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return  
 appointment; phone interviews;  
 mail.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Iowa Department of Elder Affairs**

200 Tenth Street  
 Clemens Building, Third Floor  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-3609  
 (515) 281-5187  
 FAX: (515) 281-4036  
 Betty Grandquist, Executive  
 Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
 on Aging and information on other  
 local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Iowa Department for the Blind**

524 Fourth Street  
 Des Moines, IA 50309-2364  
 (515) 281-1333 or TDD (515) 281-  
 1355 or (800) 362-2587  
 R. Creig Slayton, Director  
 Becky Criswell, Project Director,  
 (515) 281-1299

Provides independent living  
 services for persons age 55 and  
 over. For further information,  
 contact the Project Director or  
 general phone number listed.

# KANSAS

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Kansas State Department of Education

##### Student Support Services

120 Southeast Tenth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66612-1182  
(913) 291-3097

FAX: (913) 296-1413

Betty Weithers, Team Leader for  
Special Education

Michael Remus, Team Leader  
Student Support Services

**Type of Agency:** A division of the  
State Board of Education.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shawnee County.

**Mission:** Administers special  
education program in public  
schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.- Fri.  
7:30 A.M.- 5:30.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Area Served:** Kansas.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Landon State Office Building  
900 S.W. Jackson  
Tenth Floor  
Topeka, KS 66612-1290  
(913) 296-6135

FAX: (913) 296-8626

Lori Michel, Director, Children's  
Developmental Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shawnee County.

Part H (Idea) systems  
development for Kansas technical

assistance to early intervention  
networks statewide.

### SCHOOLS

#### Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66102

(913) 281-3308

FAX: (913) 281-3104

E-mail: [suptksb@tyrell.net](mailto:suptksb@tyrell.net)

William Daugherty,

Superintendent

Madeline Burkindine, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To serve all blind and  
visually impaired Kansans, aged  
0-21.

**Funded by:** State of Kansas.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/  
day; receptionist on duty Mon. -  
Fri. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully  
accessible.

**Staff:** 93 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1867.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:  
campus 60; outreach 500.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired,  
blind, deaf-blind, emotionally  
disturbed, including students with  
multiple disabilities.

**Area Served:** State of Kansas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0 to 21 years.

**Health:** General medical services.  
Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing,  
licensed clinical social work, and  
evaluation; individual, group,  
family/parent, counseling; referral  
to community services. Refers and  
provides consultation to other  
agencies for other counseling/  
social work services.

**Educational:** Placement in school,  
preschool through 12; programs  
for general academics,

vocational/skill development, life  
skills.

**Preschools:** 3 - 5 years.

#### Professional Training:

Internships/fieldwork placement.

Regular in-service training  
programs and short-term or  
summer training programs.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Recreational:** Afterschool  
programs; arts and crafts; hobby  
groups; bowling; swimming; track;  
wrestling; goal ball. Provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
some recreation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluation; career and skill  
development; refers for vocational  
placement, follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Access;  
training on computer aids and  
devices.

**Low Vision:** Provided statewide  
through contract with Kansas  
University Medical Center.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided  
by school staff.

Contact local school  
superintendent for program  
availability.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Early Education Center Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson

303 East Bigger  
P.O. Box 399

Hutchinson, KS 67504-0399

(316) 663-2671 or (316) 663-1596

FAX: (316) 663-1293

Maurice F. Cummings, President/  
CEO

KaAnn Graham, Early Education  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Cooperative  
public-private education program.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Reno County.

**Mission:** To integrate disabled  
persons into society in the least



restrictive manner, providing programs in preschool, residential, and employment deployment.

**Funded by:** P.L. 100-297 monies, private donations, state educational funds, United Way, county mill levy, P.L. 99-457.

**Budget:** \$1.1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 11 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 children with disabilities or at risk; 64 age-appropriate children.

**Eligibility:** Twenty-five percent developed on 1.5 SD below mean in one area of development; specific diagnosis.

**Area Served:** Reno County school districts.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment. Hearing tests, other support services available on referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling and social work.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Home-based program for visually impaired and other disabled infants, 0-3 years. Multiply disabled and noncategorical classes, consultant services to other programs for 3-5 year olds in an integrated, community-based setting.

**Low Vision:** Exams.

### **Tri-Valley Developmental Services**

13 South National  
Fort Scott, KS 66701  
(316) 223-3990  
FAX: (316) 223-3997  
Alene Jolly, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Interagency cooperative program, public school and private agency.

**County/District Where Located:** Bourbon County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, private donations, state funds, United Way, county mill levy.

**Staff:** 3 full time; psychologist, various therapists, orientation/mobility specialist available on consultation basis. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

**Area Served:** Bourbon County.

**Age Requirements:** 18 or older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Orientation/mobility and various related services available on referral basis.

### **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

#### **Kansas State School for the Blind**

1100 State Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66102  
(913) 281-3308  
FAX: (913) 281-3104  
Virgene Martin, Contact Person

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years old.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Consultations & evaluations provided across the state to students who are visually impaired or blind.

**Direct Service:** Some direct service is available.

**Professional Training:** Regular inservice training programs.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

#### **Kansas Instructional Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1100 State Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66102-4486  
(913) 281-3308 or toll-free in Kansas (800) 572-5463  
FAX: (913) 281-3104  
E-mail: jcdkirc@tyrell.net  
Jacqueline Denk, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Kansas.

**Groups Served:** K-12; ages 0-21.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational books, educational aids.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; large-print books; cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No listings available.

Coordinates, catalogs, produces, stores, and distributes educational materials needed by children who are blind/visually impaired. Also provides information and support for teachers.

### **◆ Information Services**

#### **LIBRARIES**

##### **Kansas City, Kansas Public Library**

##### **Kansas Braille Library**

625 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
(913) 621-3073, ext. 228 or toll-free in Kansas (800) 279-6645  
FAX: (913) 621-0963  
Joan Gandert, Librarian

Subregional library lending braille materials only.

**Kansas Talking Book Service  
Kansas State Library**

Emporia State University  
Memorial Union  
1200 Commercial  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(316) 343-7124 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 362-0699  
FAX: (316) 343-7124  
Patti Lang, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Library for the  
blind and physically disabled.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM -  
5:00 PM.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who, because  
of a physical disability, is unable to  
use normal print.

**Area Served:** Kansas.

Provides talking books on  
cassettes, records and braille.

**Manhattan Public Library**

Juliette and Poyntz Streets  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
(913) 776-4741 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 432-2796  
FAX: (913) 776-1545  
Marion Rice, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Northwest Kansas Library  
System**

**Talking Books**

P.O. Box 446  
Norton, KS 67654  
(913) 877-5148 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 432-2858  
FAX: (913) 877-5697  
Clarice Howard, Librarian

Subregional library.

**South Central Kansas Library  
System**

**Talking Book Division**

901 North Main Street

Hutchinson, KS 67501  
(316) 663-5441 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 234-0529  
FAX: (316) 663-1215  
Karen Socha, Librarian  
Subregional library.

**Talking Books**

Topeka and Shawnee Counties  
1515 Southwest Tenth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604  
(913) 233-2040 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 432-2925  
FAX: (913) 233-2055  
Susan Bundy, Librarian  
Subregional library.

**Talking Books Department**

Wichita Public Library  
223 South Main  
Wichita, KS 67202  
(316) 262-0611 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 362-2869 or TDD  
(316) 262-3972  
FAX: (316) 262-2552  
Betty C. Spriggs, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Talking Book Service  
Library for the Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

1409 Williams  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
(316) 792-2393 or toll-free in  
Kansas (800) 362-2642  
FAX: (316) 792-5495  
Juanita Doll, Librarian

Subregional library.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
SERVICES**

**American Red Cross  
Midway-Kansas Chapter**

707 North Main

Wichita, KS 67203-3669  
(316) 683-6706  
FAX: (316) 268-0888  
E-mail: eulertv@usa.red-cross.  
org  
Von E. Eulert, Chairperson, Braille  
Service

**Area Served:** National.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college  
students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational; career / vocational;  
religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Available on  
request. All titles listed with the  
American Printing House for the  
Blind.

**Braille Association of Kansas**

P.O. Box 17032  
Wichita, KS 67217  
(316) 265-6504  
Mary Ann Oblinger, Workshop  
Manager

**Area Served:** Sedgwick County  
and surrounding counties; will do  
work for outside areas, time and  
volunteers permitting.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Media Formats:** Braille or taped  
(cassette) material.

**Kansas Rehabilitation Center for  
the Blind**

2516 S.W. Sixth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606-1703  
(913) 296-3311  
Suzannah Erhart, Administrator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shawnee County.

**Groups Served:** College students,  
other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books / cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.



**RADIO READING****Audio Reader of Cloud County**

P.O. Box 629  
Concordia, KS 66901  
(913) 243-1414  
Joe Jindra, Station Manager

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat.  
6:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Sun.  
7:00 AM-11:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954.

**Area Served:** North central  
Kansas.

**Kansas Audio-Reader Network**

University of Kansas  
P.O. Box 847  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
(913) 864-4600  
Janet Campbell, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Douglas County.

**Hours of Operation:** Office:  
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM;  
Broadcast services 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Area Served:** Kansas and Western  
Missouri; other radio reading  
services via satellite.

**Reading Radio Service**

815 North Walnut  
Suite 300  
Hutchinson, KS 67501  
(316) 665-3555  
Rose Fragoza, Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
6:00 AM-12:00 midnight; Sat.-Sun.  
8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** 80-mile radius from  
Hutchinson.

**University of Kansas Audio Reader Network**

P.O. Box 847

Lawrence, KS 66044  
(913) 864-4600  
FAX: (913) 864-4053  
URL: <http://www.ukans.edu/~arnet>  
Janet Campbell, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Douglas County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat. 24  
hours a day; sign-off midnight Sun.  
to 6:00 AM Mon.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Wichita Radio Reading Service**

1751 North Fairmount  
Wichita, KS 67208  
(316) 978-6600  
Pat V. Hayes, Program Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Sedgwick County.

**Hours of Operation:** 18 hours a  
day, 365 days a year.

**Staff:** Wichita State University  
students.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** 60-mile radius  
centered on Wichita, covering  
south central Kansas.

**◆ Rehabilitation Services****STATE SERVICES****Kansas Division of Services for the Blind**

300 S.W. Oakley  
Topeka, KS 66606  
(913) 296-4454  
FAX: (913) 368-6200  
Suzanne A. Erhart, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind,  
legally blind, visually impaired,  
deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** State and federal tax  
funds.

**Budget:** \$5.8 million.

**Staff:** 68 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1937.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,800  
annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually  
impaired, or deaf-blind persons.

**Area Served:** Kansas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Evaluation of eye  
treatment or prescription.  
Contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation;  
vocational evaluation; counseling,  
individual, family/parent;  
placement in training. Contracts,  
refers for, provides consultation to  
other agencies for counseling/  
social work services.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship/fieldwork placement in  
rehabilitation counseling. Regular  
training programs open to other  
agencies.

**Residential:** Dormitory for adults  
at Rehabilitation Center for the  
Blind.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
management; braille; handwriting;  
listening skills; Optacon; typing;  
video magnifier; home  
management; orientation/  
mobility; rehabilitation teaching in  
client's home and community;  
sensory training. Refers and  
provides consultation to other  
agencies for other rehabilitation  
services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts;  
bowling; swimming. Refers and  
provides consultation for other  
recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluation; career and skill  
counseling; occupational skill  
development; sheltered  
workshops; vocational placement;  
follow-up service; vending facility

training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

#### Field Offices:

**Chanute:** 1500 West Seventh Street, P.O. Box 708, Chanute, KS 66720, (316) 431-5000.

**Garden City:** 907 Zerr Road, P.O. Box 1078, Garden City, KS 67846, (316) 272-5920.

**Hays:** 3000 Broadway, P.O. Box 549, Hays, KS 67601, (913) 625-3489.

**Kansas City:** 1119 North 5th Street, P.O. Box 171248, Kansas City, KS 66117, (913) 371-6700.

**Manhattan:** 445 E Poyntz, Manhattan, KS 66502, (913) 539-5804.

**Salina:** 901 Westchester Drive, P.O. Box 6200, Salina, KS 67401, (913) 826-8035.

**Topeka:** 235 Kansas Avenue, P.O. Box 1424, Topeka, KS 66601, (913) 296-4424.

**Wichita:** 238 East William, P.O. Box 518, Wichita, KS 67201, (316) 337-7230.

#### Local Offices:

**Topeka:** Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2516 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Topeka, KS 66606, (913) 296-3311.

**Topeka:** Kansas Industries for the Blind, 425 MacVicar, Topeka, KS 66606, (913) 296-3211.

### REHABILITATION

#### Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Great Plains Region Office

4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway Suite 108  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66205-3522  
(913) 677-4562 (voice and TDD)  
FAX: (913) 677-1544  
Beth A. Jordan, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:** Johnson County.

**Mission:** To provide information and advocacy to deafblind individuals and their families; consultation to the agencies / organizations who serve this population.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

**Eligibility:** Person must have both a vision and hearing loss.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

#### Kansas Industries for the Blind

425 MacVicar Street  
Topeka, KS 66606  
(913) 296-3211  
FAX: (913) 296-0728  
Eric Boling, General Manager

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Shawnee County.

**Mission:** Serve totally blind, visually impaired, and blind multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, product sales (government contracts, public and private sales).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 on management team.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Social evaluation; individual counseling; placement in training.

**Employment:** Employment transition program.

#### Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind

801 East Lincoln  
Wichita, KS 67211  
(316) 267-2244  
FAX: (316) 267-4312  
Linda Merrill, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Sedgwick County.

**Mission:** To enhance the personal independence of individuals whose blindness, often accompanied by other disabilities, impacts their opportunities for employment, success, and integration into community life.

**Funded by:** Sales and contributions.

**Budget:** \$10,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 16 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,234.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, cerebral palsy. Preference given to visual impairment over other disabilities.

**Area Served:** Kansas and surrounding areas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Resources and referrals, orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology.

**Rehabilitation:** Work adjustment.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development; employment; placement.

**Low Vision Aids:** White Canes and More Retail Store, 530 North Lorraine, Wichita, KS (316) 681-0870.

#### Local Offices:

**Kansas City:** Industries for the Blind, 925 Sunshine Road, Kansas City, KS 66115, (913) 281-0710, FAX (913) 281-2450, Don Chippeaux, Plant Manager.



**Pittsburg:** Industries for the Blind,  
1600 North Walnut, Pittsburg, KS  
66762, (316) 231-8600, FAX  
(316) 231-8620, Dave Burr, Plant  
Manager.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Kansas Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2516 S.W. Sixth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606-1703  
(913) 296-3311  
FAX: (913) 291-3138  
Ann Byington

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shawnee County.

**Computer Training:** Speech  
output systems; screen  
magnification systems; braille  
access systems; optical character  
recognition systems; closed-circuit  
television systems; word  
processing; database software;  
computer operating systems.

### Special Education Technology Center

1800 Pflumm Road  
Olathe, KS 66062  
(913) 780-7679  
FAX: (913) 780-8007  
J. Daniel Magrone, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Johnson County.

**Computer Training:** Speech  
output systems; screen  
magnification systems; braille  
access systems; word processing;  
computer operating systems;  
training for instructors.

## DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

### Kansas Specialty Dog Service

124 West Seventh  
P.O. Box 216

Washington, KS 66968  
(913) 325-2256  
FAX: (913) 325-2258  
Bill Acree

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Canine assistance; guide  
dogs for blind and visually  
impaired persons; service dogs for  
physically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Charitable  
contributions and donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 7.

**History/Date:** Est. 1990.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1992:  
16.

**Area Served:** Primarily Kansas,  
Colorado, Missouri, Iowa,  
Oklahoma, Texas, North Dakota,  
South Dakota. Other states served,  
as needed.

**Age Requirements:** Children and  
adults considered.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Kansas State Ophthalmological Society

P.O. Box 4842  
Topeka, KS 66604  
(913) 234-9719  
FAX: (913) 234-9718  
Rebecca S. Rice, Executive Director

### Kansas Optometric Association

1266 S.W. Topeka Boulevard  
Topeka, KS 66612  
(913) 232-0225  
Gary Robbins, C.A.E.

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Kansas Eye Center University of Kansas Medical Center

#### Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

3901 Rainbow Boulevard  
Kansas City, KS 66160-7379  
(913) 588-6609  
FAX: (913) 588-6615

Joseph Maino, O.D., Director, Low  
Vision Rehabilitation Service  
Dirk Dittmore O.D., Low Vision  
Specialist  
Janette E. Sanders-Reh, Patient  
Counselor

**Type of Agency:** Medical facility.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wyandotte County.

**Mission:** To help low vision  
patients live with visual  
impairment more successfully.

**Funded by:** Client fees and state  
funds.

**Hours of Operation:** By  
appointment only.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully  
accessible.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
ophthalmology resident;  
optometrist; optician;  
rehabilitation counselor.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8-10  
weekly.

**Eligibility:** Referral by  
ophthalmologist, optometrist, or  
agency with medical report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Referral to appropriate  
agencies.

**Educational:** Referrals made to  
appropriate agencies.

**Preschools:** Referrals made to  
appropriate agencies.

**Professional Training:** Referrals  
made to appropriate agencies.

**Reading:** Training in use of hand-held aids and closed-circuit televisions.

**Rehabilitation:** Referral to state agencies.

**Recreational:** Referral to state agencies.

**Employment:** Assist patient to obtain employment aids by referral to state agencies.

**Computer Training:** Evaluation only; training is performed in state agencies.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase; limited trial loan of some aids available; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment or telephone, as needed.

#### **Vision Rehabilitation Center**

530 North Lorraine, Suite 5  
Wichita, KS 67214  
(316) 682-4646  
FAX: (316) 682-4747  
Geri McFadden, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Sedgwick County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1996.

**Number of Clients Served:** 700 annually.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5 years and up.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and assessment; rehabilitation program.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Kansas Department on Aging**

Docking State Office Building  
915 S.W. Harrison  
Topeka, KS 66612-1500  
(913) 296-4986 or Information &  
Referral in state (800) 432-3535  
FAX: (913) 296-0256  
Thelma Hunter Gordon, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**

#### **Kansas Department of Social Services**

2516 S.W. Sixth Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606  
(913) 296-3311  
Suzannah Erhart, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# KENTUCKY

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Kentucky Department of Education Division of Exceptional Children Services

500 Mero Street  
Capital Plaza Towers, Room 805  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 564-4970  
FAX: (502) 564-6721  
Mike Armstrong, Director

**Type of Agency:** A division of the Department of Education.

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Kentucky.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Services for parents, local agencies, and schools on educational programs.

**Educational:** Assists school personnel in appraising the needs of visually handicapped children and in developing the appropriate education programs for these children.

**Professional Training:** Conducts in-service training for teachers.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Infant-Toddler Program Kentucky Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

275 East Main Street

Frankfort, KY 40621  
(502) 564-7722  
FAX: (502) 564-3844  
Jim Henson, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Kentucky School for the Blind

1867 Frankfort Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206  
(502) 897-1583  
FAX: (502) 897-1583  
Ralph E. Bartley, Ph.D., Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To affect transformation of education of the blind and visually impaired by the use of exemplary practices; to create superior learning environments.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 45.

**History/Date:** Est. 1842.

**Eligibility:** Blind and visually impaired school-age children who are residents of Kentucky.

**Health:** General care.

**Educational:** K through 12.

**Professional Training:** Fieldwork opportunities.

**Reading:** Lends braille and large-print textbooks and educational aids to Kentucky school districts that serve blind and visually impaired students.

**Residential:** Supervised living areas for students.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; independent living; job skills; transition activities.

**Recreational:** Afterschool activities. Leisure counseling and training in recreational skills.

Provides consultations, technical assistance and educational

assessments for local schools in Kentucky.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

#### University of Kentucky Deafblind Project

229 Taylor Education Building  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0001  
(606) 257-3730 or (502) 897-1583, ext. 258  
FAX: (502) 897-1583  
E-mail: sandilbb@aol.com  
Sandi Baker, State Coordinator for Services to Deafblind Children  
Diane Haynes, Training Coordinator  
Carol McCracken, Transition Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provide consultation and technical assistance to families of and educational programs for infants, children, and youth (birth to 22 years) who are deafblind.

**Funded by:** Title VI-C.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 1 part time. Various therapists, medical specialists, teachers of visually impaired children, orientation/mobility specialists available as consultants. Advisory board with parent members.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 170.

**Eligibility:** All individuals on the Kentucky Deafblind Census must have vision and hearing impairments (in combination).

**Area Served:** Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Educational:** Intensive consultant services for early childhood and transition-age students.

**Professional Training:** Faculty seminars; summer institute.

**Local Offices:**

**Louisville:** Kentucky Deafblind Project, 1867 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206, (502) 897-1583.

A wide variety of services and instruction delivered on consultant or referral basis. Training is delivered on site.

**INFANT AND PRESCHOOL****Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS)**

1229 Garvin Place  
Louisville, KY 40203  
(502) 636-3207

FAX: (502) 636-0024

URL: <http://www.vips.org>  
Sharon Bensinger, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** To offer appropriate services to visually impaired children from birth to school age and their families; to maximize each child's developmental potential through direct services, advocacy and community education.

**Funded by:** Private donations, local fundraising efforts.

**Budget:** \$400,000 (1995-96).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** 9 full time, 6 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 142 (direct), 65 (outreach).

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, multiply handicapped.

**Area Served:** 50-mile radius of Louisville (including southern Indiana). VIPS-Central Kentucky services Lexington and

surrounding counties, outreach services to other parts of the state.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent education and support.

**Educational:** Parent/infant classes; in-home early intervention; day care/preschool consultation; parent support group; bi-monthly parent newsletter.

**Professional Training:** "Can Do!" video series.

**Reading:** Small lending library of books, tapes, and video tapes for families in program.

**Recreational:** Family retreat weekend; family outings, field trips.

Consultant services to other programs also available throughout Kentucky on a limited basis.

**Local Offices:**

**Lexington:** VIPS-Central Kentucky, 343 Walter Avenue, #303, Lexington, KY 40504, (606) 254-5519.

**STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES****Kentucky School for the Blind**

1867 Frankfort Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206  
(502) 897-1583

FAX: (502) 897-1583

Barbara Bunuan, Contact Person

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21.

**Assessment:** Conducted according to the needs of the individual student.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Available statewide.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent resource center and annual conference.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS****Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center**

1867 Frankfort Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206  
(502) 897-1583, ext. 213  
FAX: (502) 897-1583  
Adam Ruschival, Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Area Served:** State of Kentucky.

**Groups Served:** K-12, adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and other instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille books and large print books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

**UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS****University of Louisville School of Education**

Department of Special Education  
Louisville, KY 40292  
(502) 852-6421

FAX: (502) 852-0570

URL: <http://www.louisville.edu/edu.edsp/distance/dedge>

Dr. Ed Berlá, Coordinator, Visual Impairment Program

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired students. Refer to WWW site.

**Distance Education:** Y.



## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Kentucky Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 Coffee Tree Road  
P.O. Box 818  
Frankfort, KY 40602  
(502) 564-8300 or toll-free in Kentucky (800) 372-2968  
FAX: (502) 564-5773  
E-mail: rfeindel@ctr.kdlo.state.ky.us  
URL: <http://www.kdlo.state.ky.us>  
Richard Feindel, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Library.

**Mission:** Provides books and magazines recorded on tapes and records and in braille.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$320,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 10.5 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,500.

**Eligibility:** Print handicapped (blind; physically handicapped and unable to hold a book or turn its pages; or learning disabled).

**Area Served:** Kentucky.

#### Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library

502 Scott Street  
Covington, KY 41011  
(606) 491-7610  
Alice Manchikes, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### Talking Book Library

Louisville Free Public Library  
301 West York Street

Louisville, KY 40203  
(502) 574-1625 or TDD (502) 561-8621  
FAX: (502) 561-8657  
Maxine Harris, Librarian  
Subregional library.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Jefferson County Public Schools

P.O. Box 34020  
Louisville, KY 40232-4020  
(502) 485-3011  
FAX: (502) 485-3776  
Jan Moseley, Specialist, Visually Impaired

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/ cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

#### Owensboro Recording Unit

450 Griffith Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42301  
(502) 684-0212  
FAX: (502) 685-0914  
Liz Gray, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Initial recordings accepted only from within the state of Kentucky. Books already in our library may be available to anyone qualifying for the service.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/ vocational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/ cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

#### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

240 Haldeman Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40206  
(502) 895-9068  
FAX: (502) 897-1145  
Mark Stewart, Executive Director  
Douglas Trusner, Studio Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### RADIO READING

#### Central Kentucky Radio Eye

1541 Beacon Hill  
Lexington, KY 40504  
(606) 257-2702  
Al Crabb, President

**County/District Where Located:** Lexington County.

**Funded by:** Gifts and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Weekends 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon.

**Staff:** Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1990.

**Area Served:** Central Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

##### Eastern Kentucky Affiliate

HC 71, Box 363  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
(606) 633-5498  
Hassie Helton, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### Prevent Blindness Kentucky

101 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 584-6127  
FAX: (502) 584-0828  
Fred Wright, Program Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.**

**Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired**

**National Association to Promote the Use of Braille**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Kentucky Department for the Blind**

P.O. Box 757  
Frankfort, KY 40602  
(502) 564-4754  
FAX: (502) 564-2951  
Denise Placido, Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide opportunities to persons with visual disabilities to enable them to become more independent and productive in the community and workplace.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$9,302,200.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 129 full time, 47 part time.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,100.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** 16 and older for job placement; any age for independent living services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Rehabilitation counseling staff.

**Residential:** Charles W. McDowell Rehabilitation Center.

**Rehabilitation:** Aids and mobility training.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Available for purchase.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for purchase.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Ashland:** Department for the Blind, 1405 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101, (606) 920-2000.

**Bowling Green:** Center for Independent Living, 300 Chestnut Bldg., 604 Fairview Court, Bowling Green, KY 42101, (502) 746-7479.

**Bowling Green:** Department for the Blind, 300 Chestnut Bldg., Fairview Court, Bowling Green, KY 42101, (502) 746-7479.

**Elizabethtown:** Department for the Blind, 409 North Miles Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, (502) 766-5126.

**Florence:** Department for the Blind, 7410 U.S. 42, Suite 112, Florence, KY 41042, (606) 371-3380.

**Lexington:** Department for the Blind, 153 Patchen Drive, Suite 21, Lexington, KY 40517, (606) 246-2111.

**Louisville:** Charles W. McDowell Rehabilitation Center, Center for Independent Living, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242, (502) 327-6010 or (800) 346-2115 (tollfree).

**Murray:** Center for Independent Living, 104 North Fifth Street, Suite 203, Murray, KY 42071, (502) 759-9227.

**Owensboro:** Department for the Blind, 3000 Alvey Park Dr., West, Owensboro, KY 42303, (502) 687-7306.

**Paducah:** Department for the Blind, 220 North Eighth Street, Suite E, Paducah, KY 42001, (502) 575-7315.

**Prestonsburg:** Department for the Blind, 2565 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606) 886-2730.

**Somerset:** Department for the Blind, 650 North Main Street, Gateway Center, Suite 240, Somerset, KY 42501, (606) 677-4045.

### REHABILITATION

#### **Kentucky Industries for the Blind**

1900 Brownsboro Road  
Louisville, KY 40206  
(502) 893-0211  
FAX: (502) 893-3885  
Jim Sparks, Director

**Type of Agency:** A division of Kentucky Department for the Blind.

**Mission:** To provide training and long-term employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired residents of Kentucky.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales and fees.

**Budget:** \$1,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** In compliance with ADA guidelines.

**Staff:** 10 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1918.

**Number of Clients Served:** 35-50 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Kentucky.



**Age Requirements:** 18 and above.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provided by Division of Client Services.

**Employment:** Sub-assembly trainees, janitorial training and outplacement, and sheltered employment in a factory setting.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Assistive Technology Services Kentucky Department for the Blind

8412 Westport Road  
Louisville, KY 40242  
(502) 327-6010  
FAX: (502) 327-9620  
Jenny Tyree, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Kentucky Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

P.O. Box 1690  
Lexington, KY 40592  
(606) 254-3412  
FAX: (606) 288-4282  
Judith Taylor, Executive Director

#### Kentucky Optometric Association

P. O. Box 572

Frankfort, KY 40602  
(502) 875-3516  
FAX: (502) 875-3782  
E-mail: koainfo@mis.net  
Darlene Eakin, CAE, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Kentucky Clinic University of Kentucky Department of Ophthalmology

Chandler Medical Center  
Lexington, KY 40536-0284  
(606) 233-6649 or (606) 233-5867  
FAX: (606) 257-6718  
E-mail: crutch@pop.uky.edu  
Barbara K. Crutchfield, O.D., F.A.A.O., Director, Low Vision Service, Department of Ophthalmology

**Type of Agency:** Ophthalmology clinic.

**Funded by:** Client fees, state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; ophthalmic technicians.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 5-10 patients weekly.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision Aids:** Not provided on loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed.

#### Kentucky Lions Eye Center, Low Vision Clinic

University of Louisville  
Department of Ophthalmology  
301 East Muhammad Ali Boulevard

Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 583-0564  
FAX: (502) 852-6596  
Kay Lutz, Director

**Type of Agency:** Ophthalmology clinic.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Direct service to visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Client fees, state funds, donations.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only through the Eye Clinic.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident. Optician available locally.

**Eligibility:** Referral from eye care specialist or state agency.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** Generally do not serve infants.

**Professional Training:** For residents and ophthalmic technicians.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for demonstration; procured for patient at cost.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed by patient.

#### Low Vision Service of Jessamine Optometric Association

506 North Main Street  
Nicholasville, KY 40356  
(606) 887-2441  
FAX: (606) 885-3323  
E-mail: musick1@sprintmail.com  
John E. Musick, O.D., F.A.A.O., Clinical Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jessamine County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist; optician; optometrist.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling available.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation counselor, occupational therapist and orientation/mobility instructor available.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Lend/purchase; sold at cost. Prescriptions filled.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

**Local Offices:**

**Lexington:** Insight Low Vision Rehabilitation Service, St. Joseph Hospital, One St. Joseph Drive, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 278-3436.

**Louisville:** McDowell Center for the Blind, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242, (502) 327-6010.

**Low Vision Services of Kentucky**

120 North Eagle Creek, Suite 501  
Lexington, KY 40509  
(606) 263-3757

FAX: (606) 263-3757

William J. Wood, M.D., Clinical Director

Rick D. Isernhagen, Clinical Director

Jeanne VanArsdall, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Fayette County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; low vision assistant/specialist; registered nurse. Available for consultation or referral: social

worker, rehabilitation counselor, audiologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmology/optometry referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for evaluation and loan for trial purposes; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment or home visit as necessary.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Aging Services  
Cabinet for Human Resources**

CHR Building, Sixth West

275 East Main Street

Frankfort, KY 40621

(502) 564-6930

FAX: (502) 564-4595

Jerry Whitley, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Kentucky Department for the Blind**

8412 Westport Road

Louisville, KY 40242

(502) 327-6010 or (800) 346-2115

LuAnne Qualls, Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# LOUISIANA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Louisiana Learning Resources System

#### Louisiana State Department of Education

2758-C Brightside Lane  
Baton Rouge, LA 70820-3507  
(504) 763-5431

FAX: (504) 763-3937

E-mail: bvaccaro@mail.doe.state.la.us

Carol Wines, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Resource Center.

**County/District Where Located:**

Baton Rouge Parish.

**Mission:** Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and agencies. Acts as a clearinghouse and depository for large print and braille textbooks for visually impaired and blind students in Louisiana.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**Number of Clients Served:** 867.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Louisiana.

For further information, contact Office of Special Education Services, Louisiana State Department of Education, P.O. Box 94064, Baton Rouge, LA 90804-9064, (514) 342-6118, Joyce E. Russo, Supervisor of Visually Impaired Services.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Office of Special Education Services

P.O. Box 94064

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064

(504) 763-3552

FAX: (504) 763-3553

E-mail: sbatson@mail.doe.state.la.us

URL: <http://www.doe.state.la.us/>

Susan Wagley Batson, Director

State administration of early intervention and early childhood special education programs. Also provides in-service training and technical assistance programs to school systems, parent organizations, and any other public or private agencies.

### SCHOOLS

#### Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 4328

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328

(504) 342-8694

FAX: (504) 342-1885

Richard N. Day, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and legally blind.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$3.8 million.

**Staff:** 90 full time; 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1897.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1997: 50, plus field services.

**Eligibility:** Educable, ambulatory, visually impaired, resident of Louisiana, under 22 years.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up

evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; placement in school.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational / skill development.

**Preschools:** Limited to daily commuters.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation / mobility; remedial education; sensory training; speech therapy; physical therapy.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified football; softball; tandem biking.

**Employment:** Transition planning; vocational training.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems, screen magnifiers, braille access systems, computer-assisted instruction.

**Low Vision:** Biweekly on-site clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** As needed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Not less than annual.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Special School District #1, Louisiana State Department of Education, P.O. Box

94064, Baton Rouge, LA 70804  
(504) 342-1508.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

1120 Government Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-4897  
(504) 342-4756 or (504) 342-5144  
FAX: (504) 342-1885

Mitzi Jones, Director of Support and Field Services  
Warren Figueiredo, Resources Specialist, Braille Technology Center

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1994.

**Age Requirements:** Under 22 years.

#### Professional Training:

Workshops and conferences.

**Assessment:** Multidisciplinary evaluation.

#### Consultation to Public Schools:

On request, on-site consultation regarding programming and delivery of services.

**Direct Service:** Technical assistance to local personnel.

**Parent Assistance:** Training; lending library; resources and information; support groups.

**Materials Production:** Limited braille and large print assistance; tactile adaptations.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Louisiana Learning Resources System

Louisiana State Department of Education

2758-C Brightside Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3507  
(504) 763-5430

FAX: (504) 763-3937

E-mail: cwines@mail.doe.state.la.us

Carol Wines, Program Manager

#### County/District Where Located:

East Baton Rouge Parish.

**Area Served:** Louisiana.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually impaired students.

**Media Formats:** Large-print and braille textbooks.

Acts as clearinghouse and depository for large-print and braille textbooks. Maintains additional instructional materials.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Louisiana State Library Section for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

260 North Third  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5232  
(504) 342-4944 or (504) 342-4943  
FAX: (504) 342-3547

Jennifer Anjier, Librarian  
Michael Acosta, Machine Lending Information

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1958.

**Area Served:** Louisiana.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large type books, cassettes, and play-back equipment.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 4328  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4328  
(504) 342-5244  
FAX: (504) 342-1885  
E-mail: warrendfic@aol.com  
Warren Figueiredo, Director

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Educational material.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### RADIO READING

#### WRBH-FM/Radio for the Blind

3606 Magazine  
New Orleans, LA 70115  
(504) 899-1144  
FAX: (504) 899-1165  
Randy Savoy, News Director

**County/District Where Located:** Orleans Parish.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Area Served:** 75-mile radius from New Orleans.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### Louisiana Council for the Blind

1894 Dallas Drive  
Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(504) 925-1635  
Sydney Ishee, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit consumer organization.

**County/District Where Located:** East Baton Rouge Parish.

**Mission:** Provides information in braille and large-print and on



cassette to the visually impaired population on matters affecting this segment of the population. Provides information on aids and appliances. Makes other appropriate referrals.

**Funded by:** Contributions & grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 1.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8,000: 1996.

**Eligibility:** All visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Louisiana.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

Members are available to discuss common problems of visual impairment.

See also in national listings:

Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

8225 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4834  
(504) 925-4131

FAX: (504) 925-4184  
May Nelson, Director  
Susan Mitchell, Blind Services

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide opportunities for employment and independence to individuals with handicapping disabilities through vocational and other rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** State funds; federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 470 full-time staff; 11 counselors for the blind.

**Eligibility:** The presence of a physical and/or mental disability that constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment; and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation services will benefit the individual in terms of employability.

**Area Served:** Louisiana.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Based on the eligibility criteria an individual would need to be at or near an age that such services in a reasonable time frame would render the individual employable.

**Health:** Preliminary diagnostic evaluation; some physical restoration and surgical procedures based on the agency guidelines; and other health services as needed and allowable under agency guidelines health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services; contracts for other counseling/social work; independent living services.

**Educational:** Assistance with college training; work and other training programs as appropriate.

**Professional Training:** Vending facility programs, on-the-job training, on-site training and job coaching.

**Reading:** Aids can be provided for eligible clients if aids are determined necessary.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; orientation/mobility; teaching in client's home

and community. Contracts for other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational training; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

**Computer Training:** Training, aids and devices provided for eligible clients if assistance is determined necessary.

**Low Vision:** Services purchased for the client if need is determined.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for eligible clients if prescribed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided for eligible clients if prescribed.

#### Local Offices:

**Alexandria:** 900 Murray Street, Room H-100, Alexandria, LA 71301-7699, (318) 487-5335.

**Baton Rouge:** 2097 Beaumont Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (504) 925-4985.

**Hammond:** 130 Robin Hood Drive, Hammond, LA 70403-5763, (504) 543-4040.

**Houma:** P.O. Box Drawer 469, Houma, LA 70361, (504) 857-3652.

**Lafayette:** 825 Kaliste Saloom Road, Building VI, Suite 350, Lafayette, LA 70508, (318) 265-5353.

**Lake Charles:** 3616 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605-3006, (318) 475-8038.

**Monroe:** 122 St. John Street, State Office Building, Third Floor, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 362-3232.

**New Orleans:** 2026 St. Charles Street, Second Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130-5300, (504) 568-8815.

**Shreveport:** 1525 Fairfield Avenue, 708 State Office Building, Shreveport, LA 71101-4388, (318) 676-7155.

**REHABILITATION****Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans**

123 State Street  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
(504) 899-4501  
FAX: (504) 895-4162  
William Price, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Orleans Parish.

**Mission:** To enable blind and visually impaired persons to maintain and achieve independence through employment, rehabilitation, services, and recreation activities.

**Funded by:** Contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts and endowment.

**Budget:** 1996: \$4.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:45 AM-4:15 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Architecturally barrier-free.

**Staff:** 16 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Greater New Orleans and surrounding area.

**Age Requirements:** Except for STARS program (teens), minimum age is 18.

**Health:** Eye health public education program.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

**Rehabilitation:** Adjustment-to-blindness program (comprehensive 3-6 month skills training program directed toward independence); orientation and mobility training; braille training; job evaluations.

**Recreational:** Senior social group; STARS (Students Together Acquiring Recreational Skills) for teens.

**Employment:** Manufacturing of products and commodities.

**Louisiana Association for the Blind**

1750 Claiborne Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71103  
(318) 635-6471  
FAX: (318) 635-8902  
James Bowen, Jr., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Caddo Parish.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.

**Staff:** 60 full time.

**Eligibility:** Legally or totally blind.

**Health:** Refers for health services to the state.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Personal adjustment and vocational counseling, psychological testing.

**Educational:** Vocational/skill development.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books. Lends braille and recorded books.

**Residential:** Provides housing for out of town clients while going through evaluation.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Bowling; seasonal activities.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; job placement service; school-to-work transition program.

**Local Offices:**

**Shreveport:** Louisiana Association for the Blind, 1107 Burt Street, Shreveport, LA 71103, (318) 227-2869, Doug Young, Manager.

**Louisiana Center for the Blind**

101 South Trenton Street  
Ruston, LA 71270  
(318) 251-2891 or (800) 234-4166  
FAX: (318) 251-0109  
Joann Wilson, Director

**Type of Agency:** Residential rehabilitation agency for blind and visually impaired adults; summer programs for children and teenagers.

**County/District Where Located:** Lincoln Parish.

**Mission:** To help blind persons fully participate in the economic, social and spiritual lives of their communities.

**Funded by:** Grants and fees for services.

**Budget:** Approximately \$500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 15 full time; 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** 400 to date.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind adults and children.

**Area Served:** United States, primarily Louisiana.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older. Summer programs for 8-12 years and 13-17 years old.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Educational:** 6-9 month program offering training in cane travel, braille, keyboarding, computer literacy, and home economics, independent living skills, mobility and industrial arts.



**Reading:** Braille classes.

**Residential:** Apartments available for students.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and adjustment; employment assistance.

**Recreational:** Twice weekly participation in a health/recreational facility is mandatory.

**Employment:** Occasional volunteerism for on-the-job training. Assistance in job placement following services and training.

**Computer Training:** A full range of adaptive technology.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, Inc.

409 W. St. Mary Boulevard

Lafayette, LA 70506

(318) 234-6492

FAX: (318) 232-4244

John Lemairie, Executive Director

Judy Lejeune, Program Director

**Computer Training:** Training in keyboarding, DOS, Windows, speech and large print programs, Wordperfect, Lotus 1-2-3, braille output devices (KTS), scanners, notetaking devices, and braille printers. Some training in D-base and Quicken also available.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Louisiana Ophthalmological Association

2820 Napoleon Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70115

(504) 895-5959

William F. Rachal, M.D., President

### Louisiana State Association of Optometrists

P.O. Box 13451

Alexandria, LA 71315-3451

(318) 449-9467

Susan Jong, O.D., Executive Director

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Louisiana State University Eye Center

#### Low Vision Clinic

2020 Gravier Street

Suite B

New Orleans, LA 70112

(504) 568-6700

Dr. Mandi Conway, M.D., Director

of Medical Retina Services

Cathy Edwards, Clinic Director

#### County/District Where Located:

Orleans Parish.

**Funded by:** State funds, fees

charged to private patients.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**Area Served:** Louisiana and Gulf Coast of Mississippi.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 1 month if needed.

#### Low Vision Clinic

Schumpert Eye and Laser Center

1801 Fairfield, Suite 106

Shreveport, LA 71101

(318) 681-6669 or (800) 527-3709

FAX: (318) 681-6780

Charlotte Alford, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit, hospital-based, full-service diagnostic and surgical eye center.

**Mission:** To provide state-of-the-art service to the region, to detect disease and preserve and enhance sight.

**Funded by:** Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate World.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Thurs., 2:00 PM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrist with low vision training; 16 ophthalmologists; registered nurses; ophthalmic technicians.

**History/Date:** Low Vision Center opened as a component of the Eye Center in 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 6 per week.

**Eligibility:** Referral by a physician on staff.

**Area Served:** 170 mile radius.

**Age Requirements:** None.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Available through other hospital departments and in local community.

**Educational:** Only in low vision use.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### Tulane Medical Center Hospital and Clinic

1415 Tulane Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70112

(504) 588-5312 or toll-free in

Louisiana (800) 654-5935 or toll-free in other southern states

(800) 233-8967

FAX: (504) 584-1681

Delmar R. Caldwell, M.D.

Dr. Joseph Rummage, Low Vision Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** For-profit hospital.

**County/District Where Located:** Orleans Parish.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision coordinator; occupational therapist; ophthalmic resident assistant; ophthalmologist.

**Number of Clients Served:** 350 per year.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind. Referral and current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Louisiana, Mississippi, northern Florida.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 4 years and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counselor, psychologist and social workers available.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned at no cost for 1-2 weeks. Sold at cost.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment, phone interviews.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Office of Elderly Affairs**

412 North Fourth Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(504) 342-7100

FAX: (504) 342-8409

Richard Collins, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Louisiana Rehabilitation Services**

##### **Department of Social Services**

8225 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(504) 925-3594 or (800) 737-2958

Suzanne Mitchell, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# MAINE

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue  
State House Station #150  
Augusta, ME 04330-0150  
(207) 624-5323  
Harold Lewis, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Kennebec County.

**Mission:** To support the education of blind children.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$1,500,000.

**Staff:** 9 full-time equivalents (plus 14 contract itinerant teachers). Various therapists available as needed; medical personnel available on consultant basis; advisory board with parent members for overall program.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired with functional limitations which interfere with regular classroom education.

**Area Served:** Maine.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; genetic counseling; other social and health services available on referral basis.

**Educational:** Adaptive equipment; assessment, consultation and instruction in orientation and mobility, and all developmental areas.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Interdepartmental Coordinating Council on Early Intervention Child Development Services

State House Station #146  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 287-3272  
FAX: (207) 289-5900

Joanne Holmes, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Kennebec County.

Early intervention services to children aged 0-5.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Instructional Materials Center for the Blind

123 Free Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
(207) 871-7440, ext. 141  
FAX: (207) 871-1243  
Youngok Raymond, Manager

**Area Served:** Maine.

**Groups Served:** Preschool-12th grade.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print.

Also supplies instructional tools and other materials.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Maine State Library Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

State House Station #64

Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 289-5650 or (207) 947-8336 or toll-free in Maine (800) 452-8793  
FAX: (207) 287-5624  
E-mail: benitad@ursus1.ursus.maine.edu  
Benita Davis, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** State library.

**County/District Where Located:** Kennebec County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,000.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

Provides talking books, large print books, reference service, and volunteer-produced material.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Maine Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

State House Station #150  
Augusta, ME 04330-0150  
(207) 624-5323  
FAX: (207) 624-5302  
Harold Lewis, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Kennebec County.

**Area Served:** Maine.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Print, braille, computer disk listings free of charge.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Maine Affiliate

136 Knox Lane

Millinocket, ME 04462  
(207) 723-4338  
Ellen Pelkey, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired Maine Department of Labor**

35 Anthony Avenue  
State House Station #150  
Augusta, ME 04333-0150  
(207) 624-5323  
FAX: (207) 624-5302  
Harold Lewis, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kennebec County.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program and independent living program. Provides case management, direct instruction, and orientation and mobility services; employs under contract all teachers of the blind/visually impaired in Maine. Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Federal and state appropriations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$3,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 31 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:  
1,200.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual disability that results in functional limitations.

**Area Served:** Maine.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Vocational counseling; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Preschool to 12th grade, age 21. Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and orthopedically disabled persons.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation and mobility; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer programs open for enrollment to other agencies.

**Reading:** Braille books, large print books, information and referral; transcription to braille and tape recording services on demand for clients. Library services provided by state library.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; communication; home management; orientation/mobility; all skills training in home and community; contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer; access and software.

**Low Vision:** Contracts and refers for low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Augusta:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 73 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04330, (207) 287-6702.

**Bangor:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 396 Griffin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, (207) 561-4374.

**Caribou:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, RR2 Box 8700, Caribou, ME 04736, (207) 493-4120.

**Ellsworth:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, P.O. Box 737, Plaka Mall, Ellsworth, ME 04605, (207) 667-5361.

**Lewiston:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-4421.

**Portland:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 105 Elm Street, Portland, ME 04104, (207) 822-0400.

**Rockland:** Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 279 Main Street, Rockland, ME 04841, (207) 594-1834.

### REHABILITATION

#### **Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

189 Park Avenue  
Portland, ME 04102  
(207) 774-6273  
FAX: (207) 774-0679  
Steven Obremeski, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Fees, state of Maine, donations, product sales.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.



**Staff:** Over 50 full time and part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1905.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 800 per year.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or severe vision loss affecting life functions.

**Area Served:** Maine.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

**Residential:** State-licensed residence.

**Rehabilitation:** Mobility; vocational evaluation; rehabilitation teaching in homes state-wide.

**Recreational:** Recreation services for residents; sports and recreation program for interested participants.

**Employment:** Work adjustment and training; extended employment.

**Computer Training:** Comprehensive computer access program.

**Low Vision:** Sells aids and appliances; low vision service.

**Local Offices:**

**Bangor:** Department of Human Services, 396 Griffin Road, P.O. Box 445, Bangor, ME 04402-0445, (207) 947-0511, Sue Martin, Rehabilitation Teacher.

**Caribou:** Department of Human Services, RR 2, Caribou, ME 04736, (207) 498-8151, Kristy Swallow, Rehabilitation Teacher.

**Lewiston:** Department of Human Services, 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-4400, Gerald Kewley, Rehabilitation Teacher.

**Saco:** Kimball Health Center, 333 Lincoln Street, Saco, ME 04072, (207) 284-4081, Laura Marletta, Rehabilitation Teacher.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

189 Park Avenue  
Portland, ME 04102  
(207) 774-6273

FAX: (207) 774-0679

E-mail: mbwalsh@ime.net  
Mary Beth Walsh, Computer Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Maine Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Association Drive  
P.O. Box 190  
Manchester, ME 04351  
(207) 622-3374  
FAX: (207) 622-3332  
Gordon H. Smith, Esq., President

#### Maine Optometric Association, Inc.

RR #1, Box 2675  
Litchfield, ME 04350-9730  
(207) 582-9910  
Nan-Elizabeth B. Reynolds,  
Executive Director

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Bureau of Elder and Adult Services

#### Maine Department of Human Services

35 Anthony Avenue  
State House Station #11  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011  
(207) 624-5335 or (800) 262-2232  
FAX: (207) 624-5361  
Christine Gianopoulos, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

#### Department of Labor

State House Station #150  
Augusta, ME 04333-0150  
(207) 624-5323  
FAX: (207) 624-5302  
Harold Lewis, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# MARYLAND

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Maryland State Department of Education

200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

(410) 767-0238

FAX: (410) 333-8165

Nancy S. Grassmick, State

Superintendent of Schools

Richard Steinke, Deputy State

Superintendent, Office of School Improvement

Carol Ann Baglin, Assistant State

Superintendent, Division of Special Education

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state and federal funds for visually handicapped children attending local school systems. Provides consultation for local schools and the Maryland School for the Blind.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Maryland.

For information about local programs and facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Baltimore Infants and Toddlers Program

10 West Eager Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

(410) 396-1666

FAX: (410) 547-8292

E-mail: rezchaz@adl.com

Charles Baugh, Director

Early intervention services for infants age birth to 3 years and their families.

### SCHOOLS

#### Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21236-4499

(410) 444-5000

FAX: (410) 426-4807

Louis M. Tutt, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired students, as well as for those whose blindness and visual impairment are complicated by deafness, learning disabilities, mental retardation, emotional problems, or orthopedic disabilities.

**Funded by:** State appropriation, private funding sources.

**Budget:** 1998: \$10,284,031.

**Hours of Operation:** Offices: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Complies with ADA requirements.

**Staff:** 310 full time; 30 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1853.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 500.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; must be referred by student's local school system.

**Area Served:** Maryland.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 2-21 years.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; audiology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. On-campus medical specialty clinics.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement in school, training, institution.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12 and nongraded. Programs for pre-school; general academic; vocational/skill development; infants and toddlers; community-based instruction.

#### Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education; social work; speech pathology; orientation/mobility; psychology; occupational therapy; physical therapy; recreation; in-service training programs for staff and for other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; various other computers; assistive technology devices.

**Residential:** Dormitories, cottages, on-site apartments for advanced students; residential programming focuses on social development and living skills.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; roller skating; off-campus trips; community-based recreation.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending stand training. Provides consultation to other organizations.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Low vision specialist provides training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes.



Prescription for spectacles and low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed.

Outreach services to visually impaired students in local schools and to recent graduates seeking community placement.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Vision Services

#### Early Childhood Learning Center

#### Montgomery County Public Schools

Rock View Elementary School  
3901 Denfeld Avenue  
Kensington, MD 20895  
(301) 929-2006 or (301) 649-8151  
Anthony Caetano, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Funded by:** Federal, state and community funds.

**Staff:** Full-time staff includes teachers of visually impaired students holding additional certification, social worker, supervisor, and paraprofessionals. Part-time staff includes dually certified teacher, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, orientation/mobility specialist. Psychologist available on consultant basis. Uses volunteers. Has parent task force for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954.

**Area Served:** Montgomery County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Health services available from Montgomery County Health Department and private providers.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; parent education and support group;

sibling group; personal and family counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Home-based program for visually impaired persons, with or without other impairments. Visually impaired and multiply disabled classes.

Consultant services to other programs, for children 0-5 years old.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21236-4499  
(410) 444-5000 or toll-free in Maryland (800) 400-4915  
FAX: (410) 426-2590  
Ruth Ann Robinson, Contact Person

**Funded by:** State grants; endowments; private donations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1853. Outreach services since 1985.

**Age Requirements:** 22 years of age and under.

**Assessment:** Through the Diagnostic Services Program, assessments are available in the following areas: low vision, occupational and physical therapy, speech language, psychology, social work, vocational education, audiology, braille, therapeutic recreation, living skills, and health review. Assessment of students residing outside of Maryland is available on a fee-for-service basis.

#### Consultation to Public Schools:

Provided by the Educational Consultant and/or other specialists.

**Direct Service:** Provided through short-term attendance at main campus program, students in grades 6-12 are eligible for a four-week summer program experience.

**Parent Assistance:** provided through parent training opportunities, access to information, and referral to appropriate local agencies.

**Materials Production:** Available through Resource Services Program and includes braille production, textbook and materials searches and loan of available items.

**Professional Training:** In-service programs are offered on a requested basis.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21236  
(410) 444-5000, ext. 250  
FAX: (410) 426-3360  
Robb Farrell, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large print; audio; tactile media.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

### Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

415 Park Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 333-2668 or toll-free in Maryland (800) 492-5627  
FAX: (410) 333-2095  
URL: <http://www.msde.state.md.us/lbph/>  
Sharron McFarland, Director

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Budget:** \$600,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
10,000.

**Eligibility:** Application required.

**Area Served:** Maryland.

Regional library supplying talking books, large type books, books in braille, cassette, talking book machines, and information and referral services.

### **Special Needs Library**

Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries

6400 Democracy Boulevard  
Bethesda, MD 20817

(301) 493-2555 or TDD (301) 493-2554

FAX: (301) 530-8941

Subregional library.

### **Talking Book Center**

Prince George's County Memorial Library

6530 Adelphi Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20782

(301) 779-2570

Judy Walsh, Librarian

Subregional library.

### **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

#### **Montgomery County Public Schools Vision Services Center**

2600 Hayden Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20902-5400  
(301) 649-8151

FAX: (301) 649-8061

Anthony Caetano, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Montgomery County.

**Groups Served:** 0-21 years.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print textbooks.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped**

8720 Georgia Avenue

Suite 210

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 589-0894

FAX: (301) 589-7281

Judy Rasmussen, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually impaired adults.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **RADIO READING**

#### **Eastern Shore Radio Reading Service**

##### **WESM-FM**

University of Maryland / Eastern Shore

Princess Anne, MD 21853

(410) 651-6281

Robert Franklin, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Somerset County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
5:00 AM-2:00 AM.

**Area Served:** Counties in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware encompassing the Delmarva Peninsula.

#### **Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.**

35 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

FAX: (301) 681-5227

E-mail: washear@his.com

Nancy Knauss, Administrative Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** Greater Washington, D.C., area.

Trained Washington Ear volunteers provide audio description for the visually impaired at the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, National and Ford theaters in Washington, D.C.; at the Tawes and Roundhouse theaters in suburban Maryland. Program notes for National Symphony Orchestra concert series are taped by volunteers at the Washington Ear Studios.

### **Radio Reading Network of Maryland**

2901 Liberty Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

(410) 462-8580

Lois Elliott, Office Manager

Mary Jo Pons, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Baltimore County.

**Funded by:** Various subdivisions, foundations, corporations, and individuals.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** State of Maryland.

### **PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS**

#### **Dialing-In**

##### **Metropolitan Washington Ear**

35 University Boulevard East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

FAX: (301) 681-7188

E-mail: washear@his.com

Nancy Knauss, Administrative Director



**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Newspapers Read:** *Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Washingtonian Magazine, Time Magazine.*

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness Maryland Affiliate**

8810 Sigrid Road  
Randallstown, MD 21133  
(410) 655-3884  
David Nanney, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.)**

11350 McCormick Road  
Executive Plaza, Suite 800  
Huntville, MD 21031-1014  
(410) 785-1414 or TDD (410) 785-9687 or (888) 394-3937 or TDD (800) 683-3552  
FAX: (410) 771-9470  
URL: <http://www.blindness.org>  
Jessica Beach, Outreach Program Coordinator

Local and affiliate offices are listed in their respective states.

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc.) in U.S. national listings.

### **Low Vision Information Center**

7701 Woodmont Avenue  
Suite 302  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
(301) 951-4444  
FAX: (301) 951-0078  
Sandra S. Eastep, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Mission:** Comprehensive resource center for people with low vision; public education seminars.

**Funded by:** Private foundation, grants, and donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM-5:00PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,400.

**Area Served:** Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Low Vision:** Free information and referral service.

**Low Vision Aids:** Extensive hands-on display for clients to try aids in the office.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** yes.

### **Maryland Society For Sight**

1313 West Old Cold Spring Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21209  
(410) 243-2020  
FAX: (410) 889-2505  
Kathleen Curtin, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To prevent blindness by providing consumer eye health and safety information, testing, counseling, and referral.

**Funded by:** Private donations; United Way.

**Budget:** \$354,424.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 4 part time eye health educators and one Director of Volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1909.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30,000 per year.

**Area Served:** All of Maryland except Washington metro counties of Prince George and Montgomery.

**Health:** Information and screening services to those at-risk for potentially blinding eye conditions; eye safety information.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Information and referral with follow-up.

**Educational:** Counseling, talks, films, pamphlets, exhibits, posters.

**Professional Training:** Training of technicians, nurses, school personnel in eye screening techniques.

**Low Vision:** Information and referral.

See also in national listings:

American Association for the Deaf-Blind

The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)

Audio Description  
Metropolitan Washington Ear

The Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Inc.)

Guide Dog Users

Laurence-Moon Bardet-Biedl Syndrome Self-Help Support Network

National Federation of the Blind

National Glaucoma Research Program of the American Health Assistance Foundation

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

2301 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
(410) 554-9405  
Glen DiChiera, Staff Specialist

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1929.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Consultation and referral.

**Reading:** Reader service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility; communication.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up; vending facility program.

#### Regional Offices:

**Annapolis:** 2001 A Commerce Park Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 974-6708.

**Baltimore:** 1515 West Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217-4247, (410) 333-6119.

**Baltimore:** Unit for the Blind, Maryland Rehabilitation Center, 2301 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218, (410) 554-3208.

**Hagerstown:** Professional Arts Building, Suite 311, Hagerstown, MD 21740-5583, (301) 791-4764.

**Salisbury:** District Court/Multiservice Center, Salisbury, MD 21801-4975, (410) 543-6906.

**Towson:** 17 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, (410) 321-4042.

### REHABILITATION

#### Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

2901 Strickland Street  
Baltimore, MD 21223  
(410) 233-4567  
FAX: (410) 233-0544  
Frederick J. Puente, President

**County/District Where Located:** Baltimore County.

**Mission:** Provides employment and training for travel and communication skills, housing, counseling, leisure management and cooking.

**Funded by:** Production and sales of products to government and industrial customers, public support, trust fund and appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly.

**Budget:** \$14 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Area Served:** Maryland.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adults.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Offers consultation, information and referral, research, and demonstration services.

**Educational:** Offers prevocational and vocational training and employment.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation and industry division programs.

**Employment:** Operates vending facilities program.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells aids and appliances at cost.

#### Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

##### Eastern Shore Division

2240 Northwood Drive  
P.O. Box 2133

Salisbury, MD 21801  
(410) 749-1366  
FAX: (410) 548-5085  
Jack Grizzel, Plant Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Wicomico County.

**Employment:** Employment opportunities and training.

#### Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

##### Western Maryland Division

322 Paca Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
(301) 724-4111  
FAX: (301) 724-4116  
Marion E. Leib, Plant Manager

**Type of Agency:** Sheltered workshop.

**County/District Where Located:** Allentown County.

**Employment:** Employment opportunities and on-the-job training.

#### Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults East Central Region Office

6801 Kenilworth Avenue  
Suite 100  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
(301) 699-6255 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (301) 699-8564  
Cynthia L. Ingraham, Regional Representative

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

#### Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped

8720 Georgia Avenue  
Suite 210  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 589-0894  
FAX: (301) 589-7281  
Judy Rasmussen, Executive Director



**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Mission:** Community services.

**Funded by:** United Fund; sub-contracts; capital funds; donations; dues.

**Budget:** 1996: \$270,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 7.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,500.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired; print handicapped.

**Area Served:** Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** Visually impaired adults.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling, also accepts family/parents. Refers for social evaluation, testing, vocation placement.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs for health-care providers.

**Reading:** Provides volunteer readers; braille/large-print; information/referral; translation to braille; closed circuit television.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides daily living/braille/handwriting skills, orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Refers for all forms; provides monthly/weekend activities, and provides transportation to these activities.

**Employment:** Refers for prevocational evaluation, occupational skill development, training, placement.

**Low Vision:** Refers to low vision clinics/services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells magnifiers and other low vision aids.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

2301 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
(410) 554-9405  
Glen DiChiera, Staff Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

### Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21236-4499  
(410) 444-5000  
Margaret Reitz, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; training for instructors.

### Ruth Parker Eason School

648 Old Mill Road  
Millersville, MD 21108  
(410) 222-3815  
Julia Wright, Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** Anne Arundel County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

1211 Cathedral Street

Baltimore, MD 21201-5585  
(410) 244-7320  
FAX: (410) 545-4169  
E-mail: msepseye@aol.com  
Lorraine Wallace, Executive Director

### Maryland Optometric Association, Inc.

720 Light Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 727-7800 or (800) 492-3925  
Thomas C. Shaner, CAE, Executive Director

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine  
550 North Broadway  
Sixth Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
(410) 955-0580  
FAX: (410) 955-1829  
Gislin Dagnelie, Ph.D., Director  
Pat Luberecki, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide low vision services and conduct low vision research.

**Funded by:** Clinical revenues, clinical research funds, and charitable donations.

**Budget:** \$220,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrists; social workers; ophthalmologists by referral, occupational therapists.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000/year.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologist's or optometrist's referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and social work services available.

**Rehabilitation:** Training provided by therapists; aims at adaptation of the environment, acquiring visual skills, and use of devices. Referral to other professionals as indicated.

**Low Vision:** Low vision rehabilitation and evaluation by optometric low vision specialist, with recommendation/prescription of devices and/or services. Referral to other professionals as indicated.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As requested by ophthalmologist or patient.

**National Naval Medical Center  
Ophthalmology Service**

8901 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20889  
(301) 295-1339  
FAX: (301) 295-1481  
Dr. Marsha Krasicky, O.D.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Military, dependents, retired personnel; referral from O.D. or M.D.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By phone interview after 2 months.

**Richard E. Hoover Services for  
Low Vision and Blindness  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Greater Baltimore Medical  
Center**

6701 North Charles Street

Baltimore, MD 21204  
(410) 828-2658  
FAX: (410) 828-2303  
Donna Reihl, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Baltimore County.

**Funded by:** Private endowments, private grants, and client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Evenings by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; rehabilitation teachers; orientation and mobility specialists; low vision specialist.

**Number of Clients Served:** 550 new clients annually (approximately).

**Eligibility:** Referral; ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and surrounding counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Monthly support/interest group, monthly newsletter.

**Professional Training:** In-service and community education programs provided.

**Rehabilitation:** Training provided in patient's environment.

**Recreational:** Leisure education is available.

**Employment:** Yes, on site.

**Computer Training:** Available in addition to other technologies.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation in client's own environment. Clinical exams provided on campus.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; available for purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided in patient's environment.

**University of Maryland  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Low Vision Program**

419 West Redwood Street  
Suite 420

Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 328-6533

FAX: (410) 328-6500

E-mail:

cfox@umabnet.ab.umd.edu

Charles Fox, O.D., Ph.D., Director,  
Vision Rehabilitation

**Type of Agency:** Medical system.

**County/District Where Located:** Baltimore County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation.

**Funded by:** Client fees; private grants.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.

**Staff:** Rehabilitative optometrist; ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optician; optometrist; orthoptist; low vision assistant; other specialists.

**Eligibility:** Current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** By referral.

**Educational:** Lectures on all topics are available.

**Professional Training:** CME in various areas.

**Rehabilitation:** Full services available.

**Employment:** By referral.

**Computer Training:** By referral.

**Low Vision:** Provided by full-time rehabilitative optometrist.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training; custom designing.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.



Multiple offices in Greater  
Baltimore area.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Office on Aging

State Office Building  
301 West Preston Street, Room  
#1004  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 767-1100 or Information and  
referral in-state (800) 243-3425  
FAX: (410) 333-7943  
Sue Ward, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Maryland Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Administrative Offices  
2301 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
(410) 554-9405  
FAX: (410) 554-9412  
Robert Burns, Assistant  
Superintendent  
Glenn DiChiera, Staff Specialist

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# MAS-SACHUSETTS

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Massachusetts Department of Education  
Educational Improvement Group**  
350 Main Street  
Malden, MA 02148  
(617) 388-3300  
FAX: (617) 388-3394  
Carole Thomson, Acting Associate Commissioner, (617) 388-3300, ext. 438  
Marcia Mittnacht, State Director, Special Education, (617) 388-3300, ext. 461

**Mission:** Oversees services to children with disabilities and enforces federal and other regulations concerning those services. Maintains contact with local resource and itinerant specialists in terms of local program monitoring and evaluation, technical assistance, and resolution of individual pupils' programming. Approves state and federal aid to local cities and towns for special programs, services, educational materials and equipment.

**Funded by:** Public funds.  
**Area Served:** Massachusetts.

For program information, contact local school superintendent.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Early Intervention Services  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health**  
250 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 624-5969  
FAX: (617) 624-5990  
Ron Benham, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Boston Center for Blind Children *Defunct*

147 South Huntington Avenue  
Boston, MA 02130  
(617) 296-4232  
Michael DeLalla, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Special education.

**Funded by:** Tuition.

**Budget:** \$2.4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 80 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1901.

**Number of Clients Served:** 22.

**Area Served:** Primarily Massachusetts, other states.

**Age Requirements:** 6-22 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling, information and referral, assistance/advocacy for parents in P.L. 94-142 process.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in most developmental areas.

**Low Vision:** Services available.

#### The Fernald Center

200 Trapella Road  
P.O. Box 9108  
Belmont, MA 02178  
(617) 894-3600  
Jacqueline Bouyea, Acting Director

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Middlesex County.

**Mission:** Services for developmentally disabled including blind of all ages.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1848.

**Educational:** Education and training program for blind, multiply handicapped of all ages.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

#### Northeast Vision Consultants

P.O. Box 486  
Sharon, MA 02067  
(617) 784-0642  
FAX: (617) 784-0642  
E-mail: nvc@sharon.k12.ma.us  
Timothy Traut-Savino, Vice President

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**Mission:** Consultant services/orientation and mobility for visually impaired children and adults at home, at school, and at other agencies.

**Funded by:** Contracting services from public school systems, private agencies, and individuals.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 11 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. July 1984.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Eastern Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for psychological testing and evaluation, individual/group/family/couple counseling.

**Educational:** K-12; assessment; program planning; direct/indirect services.

**Preschools:** Nursery school.

**Professional Training:** Training/supervised fieldwork in low vision (BS/MA), orientation/mobility (MA), special education (MA).



**Rehabilitation:** Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; on/off-site.

**Recreational:** Refers for afterschool programs.

**Employment:** Career/skill counseling; refers for prevocational evaluation, job retention/training, occupational skill development.

### **Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3434  
FAX: (617) 926-2027  
Kevin J. Lessard, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for blind, deaf-blind, visually impaired, and multi-impaired children, teenagers, and adults.

**Funded by:** Public funds, endowments, contributions, and tuition.

**Budget:** 1996: \$31,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 450 full time; 150 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1829.

**Number of Clients Served:** 180 on campus; hundreds off campus.

**Eligibility:** Diagnostic evaluation program available to determine program needs.

**Area Served:** Primarily serves New England; accepts students from all areas of the United States and overseas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Comprehensive health services available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Counseling and guidance; parent counseling; child advocacy services.

**Educational:** Grades: preschool through adult. Special programs for multi-impaired and deaf-blind. Summer school programs. Community-based outreach programs.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork program for local universities; in-service training program in sign language and child care.

**Reading:** Braille books; large-type and recorded materials; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine. Braille and talking book library for Massachusetts. Howe Press of the Perkins School distributes the Perkins Braille, brailleing accessories, low vision aids, and other materials and equipment.

**Residential:** Cottages for students; independent apartment living program.

**Rehabilitation:** Home management; personal management; orientation/mobility; communications; vocational.

**Recreational:** Recreation services both on and off campus.

**Employment:** Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training. Programs for training in industry, business, food service, retail management, child care, vending stand, piano servicing, and work activities centers. Summer employment program.

**Computer Training:** Available to all students.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic on campus is available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available from low vision center.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

### **Regional Offices:**

**Bangkok, Thailand:** 420 Rajavithi Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, (662) 246-0070, Kirk Horton, Regional Representative, Asia/Pacific Region.

**Cordoba, Argentina:** Instituto Helen Keller, Av. Velez, Sarfield 2100 CU, Aj, Postal Number 4, Cordoba 5000, Argentina, 54-51-605046, Graciela Ferioli, Regional Representative, Latin America.

### **Local Offices:**

**Hyannis:** Perkins Outreach Satellite Program, 270 Communications Way, Suite 2D, Hyannis, MA 02601, Robert Steele, Coordinator, (508) 771-2101.

**Northfield:** Perkins Outreach Satellite Program, 168 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360, Richard Ely, Coordinator, (413) 498-5358.

Coordinates funding of deaf-blind programs in New England for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the New England Regional Center for Services to the Deaf-Blind. Innovative vocational models for deaf/blind youths.

Offers evaluation service to outside agencies and individuals; designed to assess a diverse special needs population that includes but is not limited to multi-impaired blind and deaf-blind.

## **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

### **Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3434  
FAX: (617) 923-8076  
Kevin J. Lessard, Director  
Tom Miller, Supervisor, Preschool Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Income from local education agencies and grants.

**Staff:** 14 full time/part time (includes early childhood/teachers of visually impaired and deaf-blind students); 6 part time (includes social worker/parent

counselor, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapists). Medical consultants available. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 230 (infants); 25 (preschool).

**Area Served:** Entire state.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling. Various support and related services available on consultative or referral basis.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Home-based program with center component for visually impaired children, 0-3 years, with or without other impairments, including deaf-blindness. Home teaching, classrooms for multiply impaired students, and community-based vision and deaf-blindness services to local education authorities offered for children aged 3-6.

Consultative services to other programs offered at all age levels.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Outreach Services Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3434

FAX: (617) 926-2027

Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person,  
ext. 7434

**Funded by:** Fees for service; tuition; and grants.

**History/Date:** Outreach services; est. 1980.

**Age Requirements:** Birth-22 years.

**Assessment:** Assessments of infants, preschoolers, and school-age children in school, at home, and in specialized programs.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Consultation to teachers, aides,

administrators, and related personnel individually and through in-service education.

**Direct Service:** Assessments and instruction in all developmental areas to assist student's integration in public and private schools.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent and teacher support groups facilitated; workshops for parents; annual parent/teacher conferences.

**Materials Production:** Production of braille and large-print materials.

**Professional Training:** Short-term workshops offered throughout the state; graduate-level summer institute.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Vision Resources Library

3 Randolph Street  
Baylies Lower Building  
Canton, MA 02021  
(617) 575-1843

FAX: (617) 575-9601

E-mail: 74731.210@compuserve.com

Carrie A. Meyers, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, research materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Boston College Graduate School of Education

Department of Curriculum,  
Administration, and Special  
Education  
Campion Hall 211

Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3813  
(617) 552-8429

FAX: (617) 552-0812

Dr. Richard M. Jackson, Director,  
Programs in Vision Studies and  
Low Incidence Disabilities  
Program

Barbara A. McLetchie, Coordinator  
of Teacher Preparation in Deaf-  
Blind and Multiple Disabilities

**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) level personnel preparation programs for teachers of visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled students.

### Northeastern University

Department of Counseling  
Psychology, Rehabilitation, and  
Special Education  
203 Lake Hall  
Boston, MA 02115

(617) 373-2485

FAX: (617) 373-8892

Dr. Louise Lafontaine, Severe  
Special Needs

Dr. Karen Lifter, Moderate Special  
Needs

Dr. James Scorzelli, Rehabilitation  
Education

**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's) program for teachers of multiply disabled students. Master's program for rehabilitation counselors of deaf-blind persons.

### University of Massachusetts at Boston

Graduate College of Education  
Harbor Campus  
Boston, MA 02125-3393

(617) 287-5709

William E. Kiernan, Ph.D.



**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate program in orientation and mobility and master's program in rehabilitation counseling or special education.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Massachusetts Braille and Talking Book Library**

Perkins School for the Blind  
175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3434, ext. 240 or  
(617) 972-7240 or toll-free in  
Massachusetts (800) 852-3133  
FAX: (617) 926-2027  
Patricia A. Kirk, Librarian

**Mission:** To provide quality recreational and informational library services to legally blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and learning disabled Massachusetts residents who are unable to read conventional print.

**Funded by:** Public funds and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 22 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
15,000.

**Area Served:** Massachusetts.

Talking books, braille, and cassette books and magazines; provides braille books for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island readers. Loans Library of Congress talking book and cassette book machines and accessories to patrons.

#### **Talking Book Library**

Worcester Public Library  
1 Salem Square  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 799-1730 or (508) 799-1661 or  
toll-free in Massachusetts  
(800) 762-0085 or TDD (508) 799-1731  
FAX: (508) 799-1652  
James Izatt, Librarian  
Subregional library.

#### **Vision Resources Library Massachusetts Department of Education**

3 Randolph Street / Baylies Lower  
Canton, MA 02021  
(617) 575-1843  
FAX: (617) 575-9601  
Carrie Myers, Library Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Norfolk County.

**Funded by:** State and federal monies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

**Staff:** Coordinator; technicians.

**History/Date:** Est. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,100.

**Eligibility:** Registration by certified teacher/consultant of visually impaired students.

**Area Served:** Massachusetts.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

Library center for research and distribution of media and materials for various curricula offered to visually impaired individuals. Maintains contact with local resource and itinerant specialists in terms of local program monitoring and evaluation, technical assistance, in-service experiences, and resolution of individual pupils' problems.

### TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

#### **Massachusetts Braille and Talking Book Library**

Perkins School for the Blind  
175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 972-7240 or toll-free in New England (800) 852-3133  
Vicki Vogt, Outreach Services Librarian

Machine-lending agency for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Other machines are distributed by the state regional libraries.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### **Massachusetts Association for the Blind**

200 Ivy Street  
Brookline, MA 02146  
(617) 738-5110  
FAX: (617) 738-1247  
E-mail: mablind@tiac.net  
URL: <http://www.tiac.net/users/mablind>  
Debby Smith, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** All groups, but primarily adults.

**Types/Content:** Books and other materials, including mathematics, music, and computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, thermoform, or cassette.

#### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

Bulfinch Square  
43 Thorndike Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 577-1111  
FAX: (617) 577-1113  
Christina Dotti, Executive Director  
Ted Washburn, Studio Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Middlesex County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

12 Church Street  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0889

FAX: (413) 637-2214

Helen Gasparian, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Berkshire County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

5600 Rochester Road  
Troy, MA 48098  
(313) 879-0101

Jean Lowmaster, Contact Person

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

c/o Mt. Greylock Regional High School, 1781 Cold Spring Road  
Williamstown, MA 01267

(413) 458-3641

FAX: (413) 458-3641

URL: <http://www.rfbd.org>

Gail M. Burns, Studio Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Berkshire County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Vision Resources Library  
Massachusetts Department of Education**

Three Randolph Street/Baylies  
Lower

Canton, MA 02121

(617) 575-1843

FAX: (617) 575-9601

Carrie Myers, Library Coordinator

**Area Served:** Massachusetts.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large-print and  
braille.

**RADIO READING**

**Audio Journal**

172 Lincoln Street  
Worcester, MA 01605

(508) 797-1117

FAX: (508) 792-4739

E-mail: [ajournal@ziplink.net](mailto:ajournal@ziplink.net)

URL: <http://www.ziplink.net/~ajournal>

Susan Wagner, Director

**Funded by:** Memorial Foundation  
for the Blind, Massachusetts  
Commission for the Blind,  
Worcester Commission on Elder  
Affairs.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM Office; 7:00AM-  
11:00PM Broadcast.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Area Served:** Central  
Massachusetts.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Radio Reading Service of  
Western New England**

460 Main Street, ☎  
Indian Orchard, MA 01151-1222

(413) 543-8558

Kathleen G. Turnbull, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hampden County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7  
days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** Springfield and  
vicinity; western Massachusetts.

**Talking Information Center**

130 Enterprise Drive

P.O. Box 519

Marshfield, MA 02050

(617) 834-4400

FAX: (617) 834-7716

E-mail: [talking@ultranet.com](mailto:talking@ultranet.com)

URL: <http://www.radioview.com/tic>

Ron Bersani, Executive Director

**Funded by:** Massachusetts  
Commission for the Blind,  
Massachusetts Cultural Council,  
private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**Staff:** 4.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** All of Massachusetts  
and New Hampshire; parts of  
Connecticut, Vermont, Maine.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**INFORMATION AND  
REFERRAL**

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness**

**Massachusetts Affiliate**

P.O. Box 850139

Braintree, MA 01284

(617) 738-8890

Paul Saner, President

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness  
Massachusetts**

375 Concord Avenue

Belmont, MA 02178

(617) 489-0007

FAX: (617) 489-3575

Laura Riedinger, Executive  
Director

Nancy Venator, Community  
Services

See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.



See also in national listings:

Braille Inc.

Christian Science Publishing Society

Descriptive Video Service  
WGBH-TV

Hilton/Perkins Program  
Perkins School for the Blind

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

Joslin Diabetes Center

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired

National Birth Defects Center

National Braille Press

National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness

National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind

Resources for Rehabilitation

Schepens Eye Research Institute

Sight Line Productions

Wheeler Publishing, Inc.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind**

88 Kingston Street  
Boston, MA 02111-2227  
(617) 727-5550, ext. 4503 or  
(800) 392-6450

FAX: (617) 727-5960

E-mail: ccrawford@state.ma.us  
Charles Crawford, Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation

program, Title XX, Title XIX, and Supplemental Security Income for the blind. Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, multiply handicapped blind, children under 6 years old with vision impairment.

**Funded by:** State funding; fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:45 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 250 full time, 16 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Health:** Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record player and cassette player.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

### Local Offices:

**New Bedford:** 800 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, (508) 993-6140.

**Springfield:** 1694 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01130, (413) 781-1290 or (800) 392-6450.

**Worcester:** 340 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 754-1148 or (800) 392-6450.

### REHABILITATION

#### Boston Aid to the Blind

1980 Centre Street  
P.O. Box 218  
Boston, MA 02132-0002  
(617) 323-5111  
FAX: (617) 323-6687  
Elliot Feldman, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To enrich the lives of visually impaired adults, aged 50 and older, with a focus on aiding their adjustment to visual impairment; teach techniques of daily living, provide recreation and socialization programs, and serve as advocates in the broader community.

**Funded by:** Contributions, bequests, fund raising, membership dues, third-party reimbursements, and Medicaid.

**Budget:** \$615,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:**  
Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1912.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 200.

**Eligibility:** Ambulatory, legally blind, or severely visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Greater Boston.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 50 years and older.

**Health:** Preventive nursing care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and group

counseling; information and referral; crisis intervention.

**Professional Training:**

Internships and fieldwork placements.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; typing; home management. For day program clients. A short-term training program is available.

**Recreational:** Arts therapy; summer day program; bowling; woodworking; dressmaking; music; cooking; drama; knitting; crocheting; physical education; cultural enrichment program; weaving; swimming.

**Low Vision:** Preliminary screening, referrals to low vision clinics.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training with optical devices and nonoptical aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Periodic follow-up after training.

### **Boston Center for Blind Children**

1235 Morton Street

Mattapan, MA 02120

(617) 296-4232

William McDevitt, III, Chairman of the Board

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Suffolk County.

**History/Date:** Est. 1901.

### **Carroll Center for the Blind**

770 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02158-2597

(617) 969-6200 or toll-free in Massachusetts (800) 852-3131

FAX: (617) 969-6204

Rachel Ethier Rosenbaum, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Serves people who are visually impaired with rehabilitation and skills training, information, and opportunities to achieve independence, self-sufficiency, and self-fulfillment.

**Funded by:** Fees, fund raising, bequests.

**Budget:** \$3,116,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Some weekend and evening courses. Recreational programs on weekends.

**Program Accessibility:**

Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 29 full time, 16 part time, 20 itinerant teacher consultants and mobility instructors. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 787 in community programs; 318 in rehabilitation programs.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Primarily Massachusetts and New England, although some referrals are from other areas of the U.S. and international.

**Age Requirements:** Summer youth programs: 15-25 years; adult residential: 16 and over; Community: 3 and over. Other programs have no age requirement.

**Health:** Functional vision assessment and training in use of low vision aids; audiological screening; training in self-care for

individuals with diabetes and visual impairment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group and family sessions.

**Educational:** Itinerant school-based special education instruction and support services for ages 3-21.

**Professional Training:** University internships. Inservice and Staff Development network. Teacher education program, international candidates. Computer training for teachers on educational software. Workshops and seminars for allied health professionals. Training in technology.

**Reading:** Training in the use of talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; use of volunteer readers.

**Residential:** 22 beds, semi-private room facility.

**Rehabilitation:** 1 day, 1 week, or 2 week diagnostic evaluation; 4-16 week courses in independent living; skills include low vision training, personal management, braille, typing, handwriting, tape recording, orientation and mobility, and sensory development.

**Recreational:** Outdoor enrichment program for adults; skiing; skating; camping; sailing; bicycling; hiking.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; job training programs in medical transcription, customer service, telemarketing; assistance with job placement and retention. Job-site evaluation.

**Computer Training:** Training in use of adaptive devices for computers. Classes can be at the Center, school, or job site.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision assessment, clinical low vision examination, low vision training, vocational vision assessment. JCAHPO training site.



**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision devices on loan to clients within the training program. Provision of devices by doctors' prescriptions.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** Ongoing training during residential program.

**Ferguson Industries for the Blind**

173 Second Street  
 Cambridge, MA 02142  
 (617) 727-9840 or toll-free in Massachusetts (800) 392-6450, ext. 9840  
 Carol A. Sullivan, Director

**Type of Agency:** Sheltered employment workshop.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Mission:** To employ blind and visually impaired people in the manufacture of various items.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$1.3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** 44.

**Eligibility:** Referral from Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

**Area Served:** Massachusetts.

**Ferguson Industries for the Blind**

59 Howard Street  
 Springfield, MA 01105  
 (413) 737-5108  
 Earl L'Esperance, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Sheltered workshop.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamden County.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults New England Region Office**

313 Washington Street  
 Newton Corners, MA 02158-1626  
 (617) 630-1580 (voice/TDD)  
 FAX: (617) 630-1579  
 Mary Ellen Barbiasz, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**Lowell Association for the Blind Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

174 Central Street  
 Lowell, MA 01852  
 (508) 454-5704  
 FAX: (508) 458-5563  
 Arthur R. Kelts, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit, community based.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Mission:** To encourage and assist each consumer in gaining the confidence and independence necessary to function in a sighted world.

**Funded by:** United Way of Merrimack Valley, endowments, contributions, sustaining donations, and volunteers.

**Budget:** \$230,000 annually.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 3 part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1923.; inc. 1928.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-1996: 468.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or functionally blind; any visual difficulty.

**Area Served:** Greater Lowell area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Referral services; aids and appliances; public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Advocacy; support groups; and referral services.

**Educational:** Itinerant vision teaching, birth-12th grade.

**Reading:** Volunteers, tapes, radio reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Volunteer readers and drivers; shopping programs.

**Recreational:** Social and recreational activities for the elderly, working-age adults, and youth. Beep baseball, bowling, newsletters.

**Employment:** Job search assistance.

**Computer Training:** Word processing, speech synthesis.

**Low Vision:** Functional evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on trial basis, assistance in selection.

**Massachusetts Association for the Blind**

200 Ivy Street  
 Brookline, MA 02146  
 (617) 738-5110 or toll-free in Massachusetts (800) 682-9200 or TDD (617) 731-6444  
 FAX: (617) 738-1247  
 E-mail: mablind@tiac.net  
 URL: <http://www.tiac.net/users/mablind>  
 Joseph Collins, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** As a multi-service, state-wide agency, provides a diverse range of programs and services to blind and visually impaired persons, multi-disabled adults and adolescents with brain injuries; fosters self-reliance, equal opportunity, and independence.

**Funded by:** Contributions; United Way; endowment; and fees.

**Budget:** 1997: \$4,700,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Residential services: 24 hours a day; community services: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 100. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1903.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1997: 976.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment or print handicap that can benefit from services.

**Area Served:** Massachusetts (agency's store and braille and recording services also serve persons in other states).

**Age Requirements:** Residential programs have specific age requirements; community services do not.

**Health:** Aids and appliances stores.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides community education; information and referral; 24-hour telephone tape.

**Educational:** School for adolescents with brain injuries.

**Reading:** Transcribes print materials into braille and tape.

**Residential:** Dormitories for students with brain injuries; residential apartments for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Activity program for blind retarded adults.

Activities of daily living, communications skills, mobility and prevocational skills.

**Employment:** Workshop employs and trains blind retarded adults.

**Low Vision:** Low vision center located at Springfield office.

**Publications:** Publishes aid and appliances catalog in large print, cassette, braille, and computer disk.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Fitchburg:** 76 Summer Street, Suite 110, Fitchburg, MA 01420, (508) 345-4411.

**Springfield:** 77 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, (413) 734-7343.

**Worcester:** 51 Harvard Street, Worcester, MA 01609, (617) 791-8237.

#### **Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Inc.**

1010 Harrison Avenue  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
(617) 445-1010

Debra Jacobson, Director of Employment and Career Services  
Mary L. Reed, Vice President, Human Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disabled, physically disabled.

**Funded by:** Fees, workshop, sub-contracts, grants.

**Staff:** 45 full time, 3 part time.

**Eligibility:** Referred by state or private agency, minimal self care, mobility.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years or older.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual counseling; placement training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; other multiply handicapped. Programs: vocational/skill development.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling;

vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Overnight camp. Refers for adult continuing education.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service.

#### **New England Home for the Deaf (Aged, Blind or Infirm)**

154 Water Street  
Danvers, MA 01923  
(617) 774-0445

Judith Good, Acting Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Essex County.

**Mission:** Residential and health services for older deaf-blind adults.

**Funded by:** Endowment, contributions and state aid.

**Budget:** \$750,000.

**Staff:** 26.

**History/Date:** Est. 1901.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30.

**Eligibility:** Deaf or deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** New England.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 50 years and older.

**Health:** Health services for residents.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** For residents.

**Residential:** Facilities for aging deaf men and women. Also accepts deaf-blind persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Limited.

**Recreational:** Social and leisure activities.



**Low Vision:** Services for residents.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on site.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **The Occupational Rehabilitation Group, Inc.**

Harvard Square  
P.O. Box 2937  
Cambridge, MA 02238  
(617) 661-5667  
John Robichaud, Rehabilitation Engineer  
Stephen Duclos, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

**Type of Agency:** Vocational rehabilitation agency serving disabled adults.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Funded by:** Third parties, state and federal agencies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Services provided at the workplace or in client's home.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200-250/year.

**Eligibility:** Must be eligible for state/federal VR services.

**Area Served:** New England.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Certified vocational rehabilitation counselor on staff.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation and testing; rehabilitation engineering; job modification; job development; job placement.

**Outreach Services to Elders Perkins School for the Blind**  
175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3434  
FAX: (617) 926-2027  
Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person, ext. 7434

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Fees for service and grants.

**Staff:** 3 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1992.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Greater Watertown area, Cape Cod, or the Islands.

**Age Requirements:** 60 years or older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Adjustment training and referral to community services.

**Reading:** Talking book records and cassettes and players, braille books, large-print books, braille and recorded magazines, closed-circuit television systems, and volunteers.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management, braille, communications, daily living skills, home management, community integration.

**Recreational:** Individual training in leisure and recreation. Referrals to community resources.

**Low Vision:** Prescription and provision of low vision aids; referral services; public education.

### **VISION Foundation**

818 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 926-4232 or toll-free in Massachusetts (800) 852-3029  
FAX: (617) 926-1412  
Barbara R. Kibler, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide practical and emotional support to individuals with vision loss.

**Funded by:** Sub-contracts; memberships; grants; individuals, corporations; foundations; sales; and United Way.

**Budget:** 1996: \$439,229.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 6,000.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Massachusetts primarily; information and services and publications available nationwide.

**Age Requirements:** Adults.

**Health:** Refers for medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Peer counseling; buddy telephone system; referral to community services, other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for peer counselors, volunteers, staff.

**Reading:** Information and referral (database accessible in print, large-print and speech); telephone information tape; resources in special media.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for vocational rehabilitation services. Provides rehabilitation teaching services to elders 60 years of age and older who are visually impaired but not legally blind.

**Recreational:** Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on recreational/leisure services.

**Employment:** VIPEG (visually impaired persons employment group) volunteer placement. Refers for other employment orientation services.

Service for elders: Survival Skills training for visually impaired elders age 60 and over who are not

legally blind; self-help groups for elders; outreach programs. Also serves ethnic minorities and linguistic minorities.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind

88 Kingston Street  
Boston, MA 02111-2227  
(617) 727-5550  
FAX: (617) 727-5960  
E-mail: jlazzaro@state.ma.us  
URL: <http://magnet.state.ma.us/mcb>  
Joseph Lazzaro, Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems.

Operates as part of federally funded and state-funded vocational rehabilitation program providing many forms of assistive technology for blind and visually impaired persons.

### The Occupational Rehabilitation Group, Inc.

Harvard Square  
P.O. Box 2937  
Cambridge, MA 02238  
(617) 661-5667  
John Robichaud, Rehabilitation Engineer  
Stephen Duclos, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### Project CABLE

#### Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street  
Newton, MA 02158-2597  
(617) 969-6200  
FAX: (617) 969-6204  
E-mail: carrollb@tiac.net  
URL: <http://www.tiac.carrollb.net>  
Dina Rosenbaum, Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Work with spreadsheets and job training programs also available.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

P.O. Box 557  
Sudbury, MA 01776  
(617) 426-2020  
FAX: (508) 443-5677  
Joel Kraut, M.D., President

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

#### Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, Inc.

101 Tremont Street, Suite #600  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 542-9200  
FAX: (617) 542-3696  
Carmine A. Guida, O.D.

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Boston Medical Center

University Eye Associates  
720 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
(617) 638-8350  
FAX: (617) 638-8321  
Gerald Friedman, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment and/or phone interview in 1 month; home visits made rarely.

#### Joslin Diabetes Center William P. Beetham Eye Research and Treatment Unit

One Joslin Place  
Boston, MA 02215  
(617) 732-2552 (appointments) or  
(617) 732-2554 (other information)  
Lloyd M. Aiello, M.D., Director  
Richard M. Calderon, O.D.  
Robert A. Poole, O.D.  
Jerry D. Cavallerano, O.D., Ph.D.  
Phillip M. Silver, Optometrist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Funded by:** Client fees and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Counselor; low vision assistant; ophthalmic photographer; ophthalmic



technician; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; optometry residents; nurse; special educator.

**Eligibility:** Diabetic or referred by ophthalmologist.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan or purchase; on-site training provided.

### **Low Vision Rehabilitation Center**

#### **Carroll Center for the Blind**

770 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02158-2597

(617) 969-6200

FAX: (617) 969-6204

E-mail: carrollb@tiac.com

Robert McGillivray, Contact Person

Joanne Callahan, Ophthalmic Technician

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Hours of Operation:** As needed.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; ophthalmologist; psychologist/counselor; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor.

**History/Date:** Founded 1979.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, residents of Carroll Center Rehabilitation Program.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** N.

**Employment:** Work assessment program available.

**Computer Training:** Computer access assessments provided.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision assessments; clinical low vision examinations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 2 months.

### **Low Vision Service Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02172

(617) 924-3434

FAX: (617) 926-2027

Mary Beth Caruso, Contact Person, ext. 7434

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Fees for service, tuition, and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; Wed. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (optometric exams); Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (functional assessments); alternative times by arrangement.

**Staff:** Low vision optometrist with expertise in pediatric and rehabilitation optometry. Low vision specialists with expertise in orientation and mobility, special education, and rehabilitation teaching.

**Area Served:** New England.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation to families, programs, and schools. Referral to local community, state, and national resources.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision assessments, clinical vision examinations, environmental evaluations, optical and nonoptical device assessments and prescriptions, sun wear evaluations, on-site visits to individual's home, job, school or program. Training in vision utilizations, use of optical and neoptical aids. In-service training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loan of devices, materials, and equipment.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointments at clinic; follow-up

in the individual's home, job, school, or program.

### **Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Vision Rehabilitation Services**

243 Charles Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 573-4177

FAX: (617) 573-3350

E-mail:

pat\_mccabe@meei.harvard.edu

Patricia McCabe, MPH, PT, Director

Joel A. Kraut, M.D., FACS, Medical Director

Paulette D. Turco, O.D., FAAO, Associate Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Mission:** To help partially sighted people of all ages to learn to successfully use their remaining vision to be as independent as possible.

**Funded by:** Client fees; contributions.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible; interpreters provided for deaf persons.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists; optometrist; social workers; occupational therapists; ophthalmic assistant. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Vision rehabilitation service and vision care service for the deaf and hard of hearing since 1985; low vision services since 1970.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Clinical social workers

provide counseling/support services.

**Educational:** Library and information services available.

**Reading:** Closed-circuit television evaluation available. Talking books and adaptive reading material in vision rehabilitation service library.

**Rehabilitation:** Referrals to community services and other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Referral to community resources.

**Computer Training:**

Demonstrations of large print software.

**Low Vision:** Complete optical and nonoptical low vision evaluations and services.

**Low Vision Aids:** For trial, purchase; on-site training provided; personal reading machines.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment, phone interview, and visits to home, school, and place of employment.

**New England Eye Institute of the New England College of Optometry, Low Vision Clinic**

1255 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02215  
(617) 262-2020, ext. 321  
FAX: (617) 236-5144

Dr. Louis Frank, Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Thurs. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/resident; low vision assistant; ophthalmologist;

optician; orientation/mobility instructor.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no fee charged; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, school visit.

**New England Medical Center  
New England Eye Center**

750 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
(617) 956-5743

Eli Peli, O.D., Director of Vision Rehabilitation Service

**Type of Agency:** Outpatient.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and by appointment.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/technician; social worker; ophthalmologist; psychologist/counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Information, evaluation, referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed.

**Schepens Retina Associates  
Low Vision Rehabilitation  
Center**

100 Charles River Plaza  
Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 523-7800

FAX: (617) 227-0996

E-mail: schepens\_retina\_associates@msn.com

URL: <http://www.schepens.com>

Marc Gucciardi, Controller  
Stephanie Caruso, Marketing Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optometrist; optician; low vision assistant; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist; bioengineers; psychophysics Ph.D.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Eligibility:** Referral only.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes; no rental fees; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment, phone interview, questionnaire, home visit, school visit or visit to place of employment in 1 month.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Executive Office of Elder Affairs**

1 Ashburton Place  
Fifth Floor



Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 727-7750 or Information and  
referral in-state (800) 882-2003 or  
TCY in-state only (800) 872-0166 or  
Elder Abuse Hotline, in-state only  
(800) 922-2275  
FAX: (617) 727-6944  
Franklin P. Ollivierre, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Massachusetts Commission for the Blind**

88 Kingston Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
(617) 727-5550 or (800) 392-6450  
Cheryl Standley, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# MICHIGAN

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Michigan Department of Education Special Education Services

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-9433

FAX: (517) 373-7504

Arthur E. Ellis, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Richard L. Baldwin, Director of Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Ingham County.

**Mission:** Conducts statewide educational planning for disabled students in Michigan. Provides both guidelines and directives to intermediate and local districts for the purposes of publicizing and monitoring comprehensive continuum of services mandated for all disabled students aged 0-25. Also administers federal quota of American Printing House for the Blind resources for both residential and local school students through the state school system.

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Childhood Education Michigan Department of Education

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-8483

FAX: (517) 373-1233

E-mail: thompjac@state.mi.us

Jacquelyn Thompson, Coordinator

Office of the Michigan State Coordinator for Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### SCHOOLS

#### Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind

West Court and Miller Road  
Flint, MI 48503

(810) 257-1400

FAX: (810) 238-1220

Kathleen Brown, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Funded by:** State and local funds.

**Budget:** 1992: \$5,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 82. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1879.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind state resident, referred.

**Area Served:** Michigan.

**Age Requirements:** 0 to 25 years.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; low vision service; low vision aids; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** General academic; career education; ungraded

secondary for adult multiply disabled, deaf-blind and severely multiply disabled persons.

**Professional Training:** Low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; field placement. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

**Residential:** Cottages on 42-acre campus one mile from State Capitol Building. Emphasis on training in cooperation with school program.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; electronic mobility aids; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Leisure services; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer camp; bowling; swimming; skiing; ice skating; horseback riding.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career skill counseling; occupational skill development; training in massage therapy. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Call school office for program information.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Intermediate Schools

2118 U.S. 23 South

Alpena, MI 49707

(517) 354-3101

FAX: (517) 356-3385

Tom Miller, Director of Special Education



**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**County/District Where Located:** Alpena County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, private donations, state funds.

**Budget:** \$3,000,000.

**Staff:** 28 full time (includes teachers of visually impaired children, psychologist, occupational/speech/physical therapist); 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Area Served:** Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-26 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for students.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas. Orientation/mobility available on consultant or referral basis.

Home-based and center-based programs for visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities. Consultant services to other schools and programs.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind

West Court and Miller Road  
Flint, MI 48503  
(810) 257-1400  
FAX: (810) 238-1220  
Alex Davlantes, Acting Superintendent

**Funded by:** State and local funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1879.

**Age Requirements:** 0-25 years.

**Assessment:** Orientation and mobility; social evaluation;

academic evaluation;  
psychological evaluation.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Assist local school districts with transition plans to return students to home districts.

**Direct Service:** Residential placement for legally blind students.

**Parent Assistance:** Counseling, referral, and networking.

**Materials Production:** Large-print.

**Professional Training:** Low vision; orientation and mobility; social work; special education; field placement. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### PIA Media Center

1023 South U.S. 27  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(517) 224-0330  
FAX: (517) 224-0330  
Thomas Blair, Director

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large print, braille.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### Eastern Michigan University

Department of Special Education  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(313) 487-0028  
Dr. George Barach, Contact Person,  
(313) 487-0028

**County/District Where Located:** Washtenaw County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's) program for teachers of visually impaired students.

**Distance Education:** Y.

#### Michigan State University

Department of Counseling,  
Educational Psychology  
331 Erickson Hall  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
(517) 355-1871  
FAX: (517) 353-6393  
E-mail: alonsol@pilot.msu.edu  
Lou Alonso, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Ingham County.

**Programs Offered:** Bachelor's and master's programs for teachers of visually impaired students; program for dual competency teachers of visually impaired students, including deaf-blind, and orientation and mobility specialists. Ph.D. program in Special Education.

#### Wayne State University

Teacher Education Division  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 577-0918  
FAX: (313) 577-4091  
Sharon Elliott, Visually Handicapped, (313) 577-0918  
Dr. Marshal Zumberg, Multihandicapped Blind

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired and multiply disabled persons.

#### Western Michigan University Department of Special Education

3506 Sangren Hall

Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
(616) 387-5935  
Elizabeth Whitten, Department of  
Special Education  
Dr. William Wiener, Orientation  
and Mobility  
Susan Ponchillia, Rehabilitation  
Teaching

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kalamazoo County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate  
program for teachers of visually  
impaired and multiply disabled  
students; master's program for  
orientation and mobility  
specialists, rehabilitation teachers  
of blind students, and dual  
competency teachers of visually  
impaired students/orientation and  
mobility.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Blue Water Library Foundation Blind and Physically Handicapped Library**

210 McMorran Boulevard  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
(313) 982-3600  
FAX: (313) 987-7327  
Debra Oyler, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Downtown Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

121 Gratiot Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 224-0580 or TDD (313) 224-  
0584  
FAX: (313) 965-1977  
Joan Gartland, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

332 Sixth Street  
Traverse City, MI 46984  
(616) 922-4824 or TDD (616) 922-  
4843  
FAX: (616) 922-4836  
Carol Hubbell, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Kent County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

775 Ball Avenue, N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 774-3262  
FAX: (616) 774-3256  
Linda Hilton, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### **Library of Michigan Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

717 West Allegheny Street  
Lansing, MI 48913  
(517) 373-5353 or (800) 992-9012  
Maggie Bacon, Vision Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ingham County.

**Funded by:** Federal grant.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-  
5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 11.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,700  
locally.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind,  
physically handicapped.

**Area Served:** Michigan. Will  
exchange braille textbooks  
nationally for brailon.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Offers/lends cassette tape players,  
braille books. Also offers book  
selection and information/referral  
services.

#### **Library of Michigan Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

P.O. Box 30007  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-5614 or TDD (517) 373-  
1592  
FAX: (517) 373-5865  
Margaret Bacon, SBPH Supervisor  
Cecelia Marlow, Regional  
Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ingham County.

**Mission:** Provide recreational  
reading materials to individuals  
who are unable to read standard  
printed material.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$487,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

**Staff:** 11.

**History/Date:** Est. 1928.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
18,000.

**Eligibility:** For individuals unable  
to read standard printed material  
due to a physical or visual  
disability.

**Area Served:** Michigan, excluding  
Wayne County, with recorded  
materials, talking book machines,  
cassette machines and their  
accessories. Serves entire state,  
including Wayne County, with  
braille.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Regional library supplying  
recorded materials, talking book  
machines, cassette machines.

#### **Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

16480 Hall Road  
Mount Clemens, MI 48044-3198  
(313) 286-1580 or TDD (313) 286-  
9940  
FAX: (313) 286-0634  
Linda Champion, Librarian



Subregional library.

**Mideastern Michigan Library  
Co-op  
Library for the Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

G-4195 West Pasadena Avenue  
Flint, MI 48504  
(810) 230-3325  
FAX: (810) 732-1715  
Patricia Peterson, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Muskegon County Library for  
the Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**

635 Ottawa Street  
Muskegon, MI 49442  
(616) 724-6257  
FAX: (616) 724-6675  
Linda G. Glapp, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Northland Library Cooperative**

316 East Chisholm Street  
Alpena, MI 49707  
(517) 356-1622 or toll-free in  
Michigan (800) 446-1580  
FAX: (517) 354-3939  
Catherine Glomski, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Oakland County Library for the  
Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**

Farmington Community Library  
1200 North Telegraph  
Pontiac, MI 48341  
(810) 858-5050  
Carole Hund, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Upper Peninsula Library for the  
Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**

1615 Presque Isle Avenue

Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 228-7697 or toll-free in  
Michigan (800) 562-8985  
FAX: (906) 228-5627  
Suzanne Dees, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Washtenaw County Library for  
the Blind and Physically  
Handicapped**

P.O. Box 8645  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107  
(313) 971-6059  
FAX: (313) 971-3892  
Mary E. Udoji, Librarian

Subregional library.

**Wayne County Regional  
Library for the Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

33030 Van Born Road  
Wayne, MI 48184  
(313) 274-2600 or TDD (313) 274-  
2600  
FAX: (313) 326-3008  
E-mail: [wcrbph@tln.lib.mi.us](mailto:wcrbph@tln.lib.mi.us)  
URL: [http://tln.lib.mi.us/  
~wcrbph](http://tln.lib.mi.us/~wcrbph)  
Pat Klemans, Regional Librarian

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wayne County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00AM-4:30PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Area Served:** Wayne County.

Regional library supplying talking  
books, large type books, and  
cassette and talking book  
machines. Has volunteer taping  
group.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
SERVICES**

**Library of Michigan  
Services for the Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

717 West Allegan Street  
P.O. Box 30007  
Lansing, MI 48913  
(517) 373-5353 or (800) 992-9012  
FAX: (517) 373-5865  
Maggie Bacon, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ingham County.

**Area Served:** Primarily Michigan.  
Will exchange braille textbooks  
nationally for braille exchange.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Types/Content:** Recreational  
reading.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Available on  
request.

**Michigan Association of  
Transcribers for the Visually  
Impaired**

1400 North Drake Road, #218  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006  
(616) 381-9566  
Elizabeth M. Lennon, President

**Area Served:** Michigan.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college  
students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
career/vocational; menus;  
directories.

**Media Formats:** Braille; cassettes;  
large-print.

**Title Listings:** Provided at no  
charge.

**Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic**

5600 Rochester Road

Troy, MI 48098  
(810) 879-0101  
FAX: (810) 879-9927  
Margaret Sellgren, Executive  
Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Oakland County.

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

## RADIO READING

### Detroit Radio Information Service

4600 Cass Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48201  
(313) 577-4146  
Kim Walsh, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wayne County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a  
day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Southeast Michigan.

### The Sight Seer

3333 East Beltline Avenue, N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
(616) 363-8838  
FAX: (616) 363-2584  
E-mail: seer@serv.net  
URL: <http://www.serv.net/~seer/>  
Ken Van Prooyen, Sr., Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kent County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

**Staff:** All volunteer.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** 35-mile radius from  
Grand Rapids on local station,  
100-mile radius from Grand  
Rapids on regional station.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18.

### WKAR Radio Talking Book

c/o WKAR Radio  
Michigan State University  
283 Communication Arts Building  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1212  
(517) 353-9124  
E-mail: [brigid@wkar.msu.edu](mailto:brigid@wkar.msu.edu)  
URL: <http://www.wkar.msu.edu>  
Brigid King Jansen, Producer

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ingham County.

**Funded by:** Gifts, grants,  
donations, and in-kind services.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
6:30 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun.  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM (for local  
programs). Mon.-Fri. 11:00PM-  
9:00AM; Sat-Sun. 12:00 Midnight-  
10:00AM (In Touch Network).

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** 60-mile radius from  
East Lansing.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

### Newspapers for the Blind

P.O. Box 441  
Clio, MI 48420  
(810) 762-3656  
Jim Doherty, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Genesee County.

**Newspapers Read:** *Detroit Free  
Press*, *Flint Journal*, *Kalamazoo  
Gazette* and *Detroit News*. Selections  
of announcements, bulletins, and  
magazines also read.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Michigan Affiliate

20202 Lennon  
Harper Woods, MI 48225  
(810) 574-0220  
Debi Howells, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

4-Sights Network

Upshaw Institute for the Blind

Blind Children's Fund

Braille Communication Services

Michigan Braille Transcribing  
Service

Seedlings: Braille Books for  
Children

Thorndike Press

Zondervan Publishing House

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

## STATE SERVICES

### Commission for the Blind Family Independence Agency

201 North Washington Square  
P.O. Box 30652  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-2062 or TDD (517) 373-  
4026  
FAX: (517) 335-5829  
Philip E. Peterson, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides opportunities  
for employment and independent  
living to persons who are blind.

**Funded by:** Federal and state  
funds.

**Budget:** 1992-93: \$12,465,900.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Itinerant  
services and accessible offices;  
TDD; adapted reading material;  
interpreters as needed; braille and  
voice-output computers; large-  
print hardware or software.

**Staff:** 118 full time.



**History/Date:** Services for the Blind est. 1944. Commission for the Blind est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind for vocational rehabilitation, independent living, business enterprise programs. Vision acuity of 20/70 or less for youth low vision program.

**Age Requirements:** Vocational rehabilitation: 16 years and older; youth low vision program: birth through high school; independent living: 55 years and older.

**Health:** Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; spectacles; low vision clinic.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling, guidance, and referral.

**Educational:** Sponsors clients in college or technical programs.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training.

**Reading:** Information and referral regarding sources of braille, large-print and taped material.

**Residential:** Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center is a short-term residential facility.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation and mobility; braille reading/writing; home mechanics; adaptive kitchen skills; low vision; electronic and computerized communication devices; college preparatory; job-seeking skills.

**Recreational:** Orientation to adaptive leisure activities.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Training sequence as needed by client and determined by job requirements. Further information: Robert

Tinney, (616) 385-1294; Roger Yake, (616) 385-1550.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation and aids for children and adults.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptive and nonprescriptive.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Local Offices:**

**Detroit:** Commission for the Blind, State of Michigan Plaza Building, North Tower, 15th Floor, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 256-1524.

**Escanaba:** Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 305 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829, (906) 786-8602.

**Flint:** Commission for the Blind, Flint State Office Building, 125 East Union, 7th Floor, Flint, MI 48502, (313) 768-2030.

**Gaylord:** Commission for the Blind, 209 First Street, Gaylord, MI 49735, (517) 732-2448.

**Grand Rapids:** Commission for the Blind, State Office Building, 4th Floor, 350 Ottawa, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, (616) 451-8265.

**Kalamazoo:** Commission for the Blind, 1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, (616) 385-1294.

**Lansing:** Commission for the Blind, 201 North Washington Square, P.O. Box 30015, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-6425 or (517) 373-2062.

**Saginaw:** Commission for the Blind, Saginaw State Office Building, 411-G East Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48607, (517) 771-1765.

## REHABILITATION

**Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (formerly Vision Enrichment Services)**

215 Sheldon, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 458-1187 or (800) 458-7113  
Beverly Geyer, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** United Way; fees, and donations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$568,457.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Examinations by appointment only.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 6 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 706.

**Eligibility:** Any problem related to vision.

**Area Served:** 13 counties in western Michigan, surrounding the Grand Rapids area.

**Health:** Complete low vision service. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Information and referral; transcription to braille.

**Rehabilitation:** All rehabilitation services available in client's home and community, except low vision clinic; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts. Provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision examinations by certified low vision doctors.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescription of aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** In-home low vision follow-up.

### **Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit**

3132 Trumbull  
Detroit, MI 48216  
(313) 964-3900

FAX: (313) 964-3909

Felicia R. Hunter, Chief Operating Officer

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Mission:** To help people with disabilities achieve greater independence and self-esteem through training and work experience.

**Funded by:** United Way of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Jobs Commission, Detroit-Wayne County Community Health, Oakland County Community Health, Oakland County Employment and Training, Fees-for-Service.

**Budget:** \$17 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 256 full time; 25 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1921.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,245.

**Eligibility:** Accepts deaf-blind persons or blind persons who are also emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, or orthopedically disabled or who have other disabilities.

**Area Served:** Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtnaw, and Livingston Counties.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual and group counseling.

**Educational:** Vocational/skill development.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; work adjustment; job placement; sheltered employment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available at cost from our Handy Aids Department.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Detroit:** Salvage, 7940 Livernois, Detroit, MI 48210, (313) 898-2040.

**Detroit:** New Center Vocational Program, 1401 Ash Street, Detroit, MI 48208, (313) 964-3900.

**Holly:** Employment and Training, 115 Battle Alley, Holly, MI 48442, (313) 634-0250.

**Mt. Clemens:** Macomb, 195 Malow, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043, (313) 465-3707.

**Oak Park:** South Oakland Club House, 13200 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237, (313) 547-7712.

**Taylor:** South West Wayne Vocational Project, 15530 Racho Road, Taylor, MI 48180, (313) 287-9600.

### **Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, Inc.**

501 South Averill Avenue  
Flint, MI 48506  
(810) 762-9960

FAX: (810) 762-9957

Gary Smith, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Genesee County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, fees, contributions and United Way.

**Budget:** 1995: \$6,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931; inc. 1938.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 250 plus.

**Eligibility:** Any person age 16 or older with a disabling or disadvantaging condition.

**Area Served:** Bay, Genesee, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Shiawasee, Arenac, Iosco and Tuscola counties.

**Age Requirements:** 16 and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

**Educational:** Job readiness and job-seeking skills.

**Rehabilitation:** Special program in vocational rehabilitation for persons who are multiple disabled and blind. Includes work adjustment, daily living and orientation.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; sheltered workshops.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

### **Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center**

1541 Oakland Drive  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
(616) 337-3848

FAX: (616) 337-3872

Paul Glatz, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Kalamazoo County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



**Staff:** 30 full time, 11 part time.  
Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
300-400 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Michigan.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years or older.

**Health:** Provides occupational therapy. Contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services. Contracts for psychological services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts, orientation/mobility, rehabilitation counseling, social work, vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program. Modified short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; industrial arts; adaptive kitchen skills, etc.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; offers instruction and/or assistance for any student activity. Refers to community programs for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; vending facility training.

**Computer Training:** For beginners.

**Low Vision:** Service provided through MSU Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed by low vision specialist.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### **Midwest Enterprises for the Blind**

422 E. South Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(616) 383-0713

FAX: (616) 349-6852

E. Ann Seaman, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To create employment opportunities for legally blind and multidisabled persons, thus providing a means to economic independence.

**Budget:** \$250,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30AM-5:00PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1993.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

#### **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**

26530 Eureka Road  
Taylor, MI 48180  
(313) 946-7500

Kurt M. Sebaly, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and children with additional disabilities, such as seizures, deafness, developmental delays, mental retardation, and orthopedic disabilities.

**Funded by:** Fund raising, donations.

**Budget:** \$625,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Residential facility open weekdays.

**Staff:** 17 full time, 18 part time.  
Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 21.

**Eligibility:** Blind or legally blind; at least one additional disability.

**Area Served:** Southeastern Michigan.

**Age Requirements:** 12 years and under.

**Health:** Occupational therapy; nursing.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; informal family counseling; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Children over 3 attend public school programs.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in occupational therapy. Regular in-service training programs for staff.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; listening skills; sensory training; orientation/mobility, field trips.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; music therapy; field trips.

#### **Upshaw Institute for the Blind**

16625 Grand River  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 272-3900

FAX: (313) 272-6893

E-mail: upshaw@wwnet.com

URL: <http://www.wwnet.com/~upshaw>

Carroll L. Jackson, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Mission:** Prevention of blindness, reduction of the impact of blindness, and advocacy for those with severe vision loss.

**Funded by:** United Way; contributions; endowments; bequests, and sub-contracts from the state of Michigan.

**Budget:** \$650,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 15.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,799.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Monroe Counties.

**Age Requirements:** Varies according to program funding source.

**Health:** Prevention of blindness and public education programs.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychosocial assessment;

individual and group counseling; referral to community resources. Serves family members as well as clients. Specialized services for children include parent counseling, and school consultation.

**Professional Training:**

Internships / fieldwork placements for rehabilitation teaching and social work. In-service workshops and training opportunities.

**Rehabilitation:** Individual and group rehabilitation teaching in client's home or the community. Personal adjustment training; communications systems and media; home management; follow-up training for low vision clinics; leisure activities; limited orientation / mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies in cases where blindness is a secondary disability.

**Recreational:** Deaf-blind club for social interaction and ongoing case management services.

**Employment:** Consultation, specialized information services.

Use of 4-Sights Network, a national computer system for vocational, educational, technological, and professional information for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Visually Handicapped Services Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center**

4201 St. Antoine  
Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 745-4510

Margaret M. Smith, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** Contract with Michigan Commission for the Blind and private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 4 contingent.

**History/Date:** Est. 1964.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200 a year.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw Counties.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and up.

**Health:** General medical services; emergency medical services; occupational therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations;

individual, group counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling / social work services.

**Educational:** College prep program.

**Professional Training:**

Internship / fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; braille magazines; large print books; information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; computerized speech synthesis; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation / mobility; Kurzweil Personal Reader. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Distributes canes without charge to legally blind persons upon request. Provides commonly used aids and devices to students without charge.

**Recreational:** Makes arrangements for summer camp attendance.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career counseling.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Wide variety of low vision aids.

**Visually Impaired Center**

725 Mason Street

Flint, MI 48503

(810) 235-2544

FAX: (810) 235-2597

Donald Stevens, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Genesee County.

**Mission:** To share skills and resources for independent life with vision loss.

**Funded by:** United Way; endowments; fees, grants, contributions.



**Budget:** \$365,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., 8:00AM-4:00PM.

**Program Accessibility:** ADA compliance.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 5 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970; as SCVI; 1986 as Visually Impaired Center.

**Number of Clients Served:** 240 blind and visually impaired annually; 1500 education and outreach consumers.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Requires eye and medical reports prior to service delivery.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social work assessment and referral for needed services including: peer support group; rehabilitation teaching orientation and mobility; vocational assessment.

**Educational:** Braille Classes: Grade I and II; Blind Diabetics Educational Program.

**Professional Training:** Internships, Field placements for social work (BA&MSW), and O&M.

**Reading:** Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services; large print resources.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; diabetes education; sensory training. Refers for other services.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill

development; job retention; job retraining. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Computer users selfhelp and exploration group.

**Low Vision:** Refers for low vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Demonstrates aids recommended by low vision evaluation.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Trains in functional use of recommended low vision devices.

### **Welcome Home for the Blind**

1953 Monroe Street, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
(616) 363-9088

Kathy Higgins, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Kent County.

**Funded by:** Lions Club of Michigan, private funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 12 full time, 18 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 36.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, ambulatory, ability to dress and care for normal personal needs.

**Area Served:** Michigan.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 60 years and older; can obtain a waiver for younger persons.

**Educational:** Educational programs provided.

**Residential:** Home for blind men and women, including those with hearing impairments.

**Recreational:** Opportunities provided in and out of home; lectures, physical activity, crafts, church services.

**Low Vision:** Services provided.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (formerly Vision Enrichment Services)**

215 Sheldon, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 458-1187

URL: <http://www.grcmc.org/blindser>

George Kremer, Teacher

Linda Haven, Teacher

Kathy Konow, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

#### **Michigan Commission for the Blind Training Center**

1541 Oakland Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

(616) 337-3877

FAX: (616) 337-3872

Robert Tinney, Computer Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Kalamazoo County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

#### **Visually Handicapped Services Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center**

4201 St. Antoine

Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 745-4510

Carolee Moss, Communications Technology Instructor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; adaptive technology.

### **Visually Impaired Center**

725 Mason Street  
Flint, MI 48503  
(810) 235-2544  
FAX: (810) 235-2597  
Donald Stevens, Director  
Laura Bates, Instructor  
Michelle Wilson, Social Worker

**County/District Where Located:** Genesee County.

**Mission:** School-to-work transition.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### **DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**

#### **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

1039 South Rochester Road  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(810) 651-9011 or (810) 651-7115  
FAX: (810) 651-5812  
William Hansen, President/  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Trains dogs to serve as guides for blind persons. Conducts a supervised course of training to coordinate the work of blind persons with their dogs.

**Funded by:** Lions and Lioness Clubs, sororities, public-supported agencies, and individuals.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days a week, 8:00AM- 4:00PM.

**Staff:** 72.

**History/Date:** Est. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** 10,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, in good health, 18 years of age, out of high school, with basic orientation and mobility skills.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Transportation:** Y.

## **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Michigan Ophthalmological Society**

120 West Saginaw  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 333-8279  
Andrew Lott, Executive Director

#### **Michigan Optometric Association**

530 West Ionia Street, Suite A  
Lansing, MI 48933  
(517) 482-0616  
FAX: (517) 482-1611  
William Dansby, C.A.E.

**County/District Where Located:** Ingham County.

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (formerly Vision Enrichment Services)**

215 Sheldon, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 458-1187 or (800) 466-8084  
FAX: (616) 458-7113  
Beverly Geyer, Executive Director  
Bruce Dragoo, M.D., Consulting Ophthalmologist  
George Kremer, Director of Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provision of low vision devices to assist in meeting daily needs.

**Funded by:** District 11-C-1 Lions Clubs, Area Agency on Aging of

Western Michigan, United Way of Kent County, United Way of Muskegon County, client fees.

**Budget:** 1991: \$512,032.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 568 regular service and 5,571 through glaucoma screening.

**Eligibility:** Referral by ophthalmologist or optometrist.

**Area Served:** 13 counties in western Michigan, surrounding the Grand Rapids area.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment and/or home visit in 1 month; after 1 month, as needed.

#### **Burns Clinic Medical Center Low Vision Clinic**

560 West Mitchell  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
(616) 347-7000  
FAX: (616) 348-6166  
John H. Tanton, M.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Medical clinic.

**Funded by:** Client fees, foundation grants, state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; audiologist; psychologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 1,000.

**Eligibility:** Referral and current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Primarily northern lower Michigan and eastern upper peninsula.



**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Patient referrals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social worker on staff for immediate assistance. Various other programs.

**Educational:** Educational material available.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility; life skills.

**Recreational:** Many physical activities; swimming pool.

**Employment:** Job placement.

**Computer Training:** 2-4 week program.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation interview to obtain visual history; examination; on and off site.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for loan/purchase; prescriptions and fittings.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visit; phone interview; referrals.

### **College of Optometry Ferris State University**

1310 Kramer Circle  
Room 501  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
(616) 592-3715  
FAX: (616) 592-3991  
Dr. Robert Foote, Chief, Low Vision Service

**County/District Where Located:** Mecosta County.

**Mission:** Educational clinic.

**Funded by:** Commission for the Blind, patient fees, Ferris State University.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. 1:00-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Complete low vision evaluations, including available electrodiagnostic testing.

**Low Vision Aids:** Rents or sells aids; closed circuit television will be recommended where it can be obtained.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

### **Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Low Vision Program Friends of Vision**

15415 East Jefferson  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
(313) 824-4710  
Philip C. Hessburg, M.D., Medical Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Mission:** Provides low vision and community services, including support groups at the Gorey Resource Center for the Visually Impaired.

**Funded by:** Contributions and annual fund raiser, "Eyes on the Classics".

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Detroit and tricounty area.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups/workshops on mobility and daily living skills for visually impaired persons.

**Reading:** Circulates cassette tape of local newspaper to members of support groups.

**Low Vision:** Assessments by appointment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase.

### **Kresge Eye Institute Low Vision Service**

4717 St. Antoine

Detroit, MI 48201  
(313) 577-1320 or (313) 577-1319  
Shirley Sherrod, M.D., Director,  
Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Computer Training:** Computer access available.

**Low Vision:** On-site training available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loan/sell, prescribed/fitted.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

### **Low Vision Consultants**

2000 Green Road  
Suite 200  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
(313) 930-2373  
Steven I. Bennett, F.A.A.O.,  
Certified Low Vision Consultant

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 AM-8:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Complete medical examination.

**Area Served:** Michigan, referrals from Ohio and Indiana.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** For sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

### **Special Needs Vision Clinic**

3660 Southfield Drive

Saginaw, MI 48601  
 (517) 777-1040  
 FAX: (517) 777-3509  
 E-mail: snvc@aol.com  
 Dr. Dolores Kowalski, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide optometric vision care for developmentally disabled persons and low vision services for visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants; private funds; and service organizations.

**Budget:** \$138,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Thurs.  
 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision specialist.

**History/Date:** Founded in 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200 persons per year (approximately).

**Eligibility:** Mentally, physically, emotionally, visually, or otherwise handicapped.

**Area Served:** State of Michigan.

**Transportation:** N.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services provided by certified low vision specialist.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for purchase through the clinic.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As per the doctors' recommendations.

#### **Vision Rehabilitation Institute, Sinai Hospital**

14800 West McNichols, Suite 310  
 Detroit, MI 48235  
 (313) 493-5514

Mary Jo Frence, O.D., Director  
 Elaine Roman, Vision Therapist

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Funded by:** Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Detroit Medical Center.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; ophthalmic assistant/ technician; social worker; optician; orientation/ mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/ counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** Referral not necessary.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Testing, evaluation, and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Based on patient need and progress report.

#### **Visual Rehabilitation and Research Center of Southeast Michigan**

1501 East Jefferson Avenue  
 Grosse Point Park, MI 48230  
 (313) 824-2401

FAX: (313) 824-3850  
 Julian J. Nussbaum, M.D.,  
 Chairman  
 Lylas Mogk, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wayne County.

**Funded by:** Private funds and foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists, optometrists.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Detroit area and surrounding communities.

**Low Vision:** Examination and evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site or in-home training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

#### **Western Michigan University Vision Rehabilitation Clinic**

1000 Oakland Drive  
 KCMS Building, Third Floor  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
 (616) 387-7000

Robert Unser, O.D.

Helen Lee, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Kalamazoo County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Wed.  
 9:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; orientation/ mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; rehabilitation teacher; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** Eye report; referral; functional impairment due to poor vision.

**Area Served:** Michigan.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no fee; on-site training provided.

#### **W.K. Kellogg Eye Center/Low Vision Services University of Michigan Medical Center**

1000 Wall Street  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
 (313) 764-5106

FAX: (313) 936-1991  
 Donna M. Wicker, O.D.  
 Mark Ventocilla, O.D.  
 Cheryl Caudill, O.T.R.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Washtenaw County.

**Mission:** To help individuals optimize use of remaining vision for daily living, recreation, and occupational goals.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00AM-5:00PM as needed.

**Staff:** Optometrists, social worker, ophthalmologists, occupational therapist.



**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Rehabilitation:** Occupational therapist is available for both clinic and home-based intervention.

**Employment:** Referrals for Michigan's vocational rehabilitation services as needed.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

Other services include Turner Geriatric Low Vision support group, occupational and physical therapy, and computer center support.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Office of Services to the Aging**

P.O. Box 30026

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-8230

FAX: (517) 373-4092

Carol Parr, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**Commission for the Blind  
Family Independence Agency**

201 North Washington Square

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-2062 or (800) 292-4200

FAX: (517) 335-5140

Philip E. Peterson, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# MINNESOTA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Division of Special Education Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

550 Cedar Street  
811 Capitol Square Building  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(612) 296-1793  
FAX: (612) 297-7368  
Wayne Erickson, Manager

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds for visually impaired children attending local schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides consultation on educational services to local schools and to the state residential school.

**Reading:** Provides reader service and special materials as needed.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools or director of special education in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Interagency Early Intervention  
Planning Project**  
Minnesota Department of  
Children, Families and Learning  
550 Cedar Street  
Capitol Square Building, Room 987

St. Paul, MN 55101  
(612) 296-7032  
FAX: (612) 297-5695  
Jan Rubenstein, Part H Early  
Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

Highway 298  
P.O. Box 68  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-3226  
FAX: (507) 332-3631  
Elaine Sveen, Superintendent  
Wade Karli, Director of Education

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1866.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 4-21 years.

**Health:** Occupational therapy; physical therapy; contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Career and guidance counseling.

**Educational:** K through 12th grade.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics.

**Recreational:** Recreational therapy.

**Employment:** Vocational training; work adjustment program; refers for other vocational services.

**Computer Training:** Speech, screen magnification, braille access. Word processing, database, spreadsheet application.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### J.I.S.D. #287

1820 North Xenium Lane  
Minneapolis, MN 55441  
(612) 550-7147  
FAX: (612) 550-7300  
Ron Carter, Superintendent  
Sande Scholzharson, Program  
Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hennepin County.

**Mission:** To provide educational support services for students with low incidence impairments.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Staff:** 22 full time for total vision program (includes visually handicapped and dually certified teachers). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 350.

**Area Served:** Western metropolitan area of the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Educational:** Itinerant program serves 13 school districts; brailers, orientation and mobility teachers.

**Reading:** Adaptive materials (braille, large print) available.

**Recreational:** Support clubs for all ages.

**Employment:** Job coaching.

**Computer Training:** Technical support; adaptive technology.

Provides instruction in orientation/mobility, visual development, use of special or adaptive equipment. Consultant services to other programs for visually impaired children.



## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

Highway 298  
P.O. Box 68  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-3226  
FAX: (507) 332-3631  
Elaine Sveen, Superintendent  
Wade Karli, Principal

**County/District Where Located:** Rice County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1866.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Assessment:** Available upon request in all areas relative to blindness and school functioning.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request.

**Direct Service:** Orientation and mobility services available on contractual basis.

**Parent Assistance:** Program to help the transition-aged student and family.

**Materials Production:** Braille and large print books.

**Professional Training:** As requested.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Minnesota Resource Center Blind/Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 308  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-5510  
FAX: (507) 332-5494  
E-mail: mnrcblnd@edu.gte.net  
Jean Martin, Contact Person

**Area Served:** State of Minnesota.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

Performs computerized media searches but is not a statewide depository for materials.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Mankato State University

Rehabilitation Counseling  
Department  
MSU Box 52  
P.O. Box 8400  
Mankato, MN 56001-8400  
(507) 389-1318  
Dr. Donald Clark, (507) 389-5439

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) program for rehabilitation counseling.

### University of Minnesota Department of Educational Psychology

178 Pillsbury Drive, SE  
233 Burton Hall  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
(612) 624-1859  
FAX: (612) 626-7496 9627  
E-mail: knowl001@maroon.tc.umn.edu  
URL: <http://www.coled.umn.edu/edpsy/speceduc/faculty/knowlton/knowltonhp.html>  
Dr. Marie Knowlton, (612) 624-1859

**County/District Where Located:** Hennepin County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired students. Additional casework and related field emphasis available in early childhood, mental retardation, administration, and rehabilitation.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Highway 298  
P.O. Box 68  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-3279 or toll-free in Minnesota (800) 722-0550  
FAX: (507) 332-3260  
E-mail: 0999@mab.informns.k12.mn.us  
Nancy Walton, Library Director

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**County/District Where Located:** Rice County.

**Mission:** To provide reading materials in multiple formats for recreational and lifelong learning needs of visually and physically disabled.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$483,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 11,000.

**Eligibility:** NLS requirements.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type books and cassettes.

#### Minnesota State Services for the Blind

##### Communication Center

2200 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
(612) 642-0500 or toll-free in Minnesota (800) 652-9000  
FAX: (612) 649-5927  
E-mail: dandrews@ssb.state.mn.us  
David Andrews, Director,  
Communication Center

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Mission:** Meet literacy needs of blind people.

**Funded by:** State, federal and private monies.

**Budget:** \$2.1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 40.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
15,000.

**Eligibility:** Unable to read regular newsprint.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

Radio talking books; tape and braille library; distributor of talking book machines; original transcriptions for educational materials in braille and tape forms.

## TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

**Special Library and Transcription Services**

**Minnesota State Services for the Blind Communication Center**

2200 University Avenue West  
Suite 240

St. Paul, MN 55114

(612) 642-0500 or toll-free in

Minnesota (800) 652-9000

FAX: (612) 649-5927

David Andrews, Director,  
Communication Center

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

Machine-lending agency for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Other machines are distributed by the state regional libraries.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

**Minnesota Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

P.O. Box 68

Faribault, MN 55021

(507) 332-3279 or toll-free in

Minnesota (800) 722-0550

FAX: (507) 332-3260

E-mail: 0999@mab.informns.k12.mn.us

Nancy Walton, Library Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Rice County.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

**Groups Served:** Blind, visually impaired, physically and reading disabled.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, lifelong learning.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes, Braille, large print.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Minnesota State Services for the Blind**

2200 University Avenue West,  
#240

St. Paul, MN 55114

(612) 642-0513 or toll-free in

Minnesota (800) 652-9000

FAX: (612) 649-5927

E-mail: dandrews@ssb.state.mn.us

David Andrews, Director,  
Communication Center

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## RADIO READING

**Radio Talking Book Network**

Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped  
Communication Center

2200 University Avenue West

St. Paul, MN 55114

(612) 642-0500

Stephen Rosenthal, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours daily.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Area Served:** State of Minnesota, portion of eastern South Dakota.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

**Minnesota Affiliate**

4059 Yosemite Avenue, South  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

(612) 920-5651

Linda Frankenstein, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**Sight and Hearing Association Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing**

674 Transfer Road

St. Paul, MN 55114-1402

(800) 992-0424

FAX: (612) 645-2742

Vi Anne Traynor, CEO

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Mission:** To prevent loss of vision and hearing.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants; foundation and corporate donations.

**Budget:** \$370,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



**Staff:** 3 full time, 17 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** 10,000 per year.

**Area Served:** Minnesota.

**Health:** Free vision and hearing screenings.

**Preschools:** Vision and hearing screening.

**Professional Training:** Continuing education programs and seminars for medical and health professionals.

**See also in national listings:**

**ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)**

**Braille and Tape Service**

**Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology**

**Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association**

**Volunteer Braille Services**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Minnesota State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped**

2200 University Avenue West,  
Suite 240

St. Paul, MN 55114-1840

(612) 642-0500 or TDD (612) 642-0506

FAX: (612) 649-0506

Richard C. Davis, Assistant  
Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To facilitate the achievement of vocational and personal independence by children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Public funds and private contributions.

**Budget:** \$11 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** 120 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1923.

**Eligibility:** Blind; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** State of Minnesota.

**Health:** Diagnostic services; low vision rehabilitation services; restoration services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Rehabilitation counseling; consultation to parents and schools.

**Professional Training:** Internship in rehabilitation counseling.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; reader service; closed-frequency radio broadcasting; dial-in news.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational and independent living rehabilitation services; home services.

**Recreational:** Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Employment:** Evaluation; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training; home employment programs.

**Computer Training:** Rehabilitation engineering and rehabilitation technology; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Preassessment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provision of and training in use of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

### Local Offices:

**Brainerd:** Services for the Blind, 1919 South Sixth Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, (218) 828-2490, FAX (218) 828-2262.

**Duluth:** Services for the Blind, 320 West Second Street, Room 111, Duluth, MN 55802, (218) 723-4600, FAX (218) 723-4712.

**Hibbing:** Services for the Blind, 750 East 34th Street, Hibbing, MN 55746, (218) 262-6754, FAX (218) 262-7315.

**Mankato:** Services for the Blind, 1650 Madison Avenue, Mankato, MN 56001, (507) 389-6324, FAX (507) 389-6070.

**Marshall:** Services for the Blind, 1424 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258, (507) 537-7114, FAX (507) 537-6061.

**Moorhead:** Services for the Blind, Townsite Centre, 715-11th Street North, Moorhead, MN 56560, (218) 236-2422, FAX (218) 299-5810.

**Rochester:** Services for the Blind, 300-11th Avenue N.W., Rochester, MN 55901, (507) 285-7282, FAX (507) 280-5592.

**St. Cloud:** Services for the Blind, 3333 West Division Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301, (612) 255-4800, FAX (612) 255-4801.

### REHABILITATION

**Blind, Inc.**

100 East 22nd Street

Minneapolis, MN 55404

(612) 872-0100

Joyce Scanlan, Executive Director

**Lighthouse for the Blind**

4505 West Superior Street

Duluth, MN 55807-2728  
(218) 624-4828  
FAX: (218) 624-4479  
E-mail: rehabsrv@cp.duluth.mn.us

Paul Almirall, CEO  
Georgia Guite, Director of  
Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Mission:** To foster the independence of blind and visually impaired persons, thereby assisting them in the realization of their full potential as members of society.

**Funded by:** Workshop and sub-contract sales; fees; endowment and contributions.

**Budget:** 1996: \$9,390,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (rehabilitation facility); 6:30 AM - 2:30 AM (production operation).

**Program Accessibility:** All programs and facilities are fully accessible.

**Staff:** 10 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 150.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, legally blind and deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Duluth, northwest Wisconsin and all of Minnesota.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Diabetes information services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services; individual, group and family counseling.

**Professional Training:** Internships in orientation and mobility; in-service training when requested by schools or other facilities.

**Residential:** Housing provided for clients while in rehabilitation program.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; talking calculators; communication skills; itinerant rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Outreach programs for low vision elderly and deaf-blind populations.

**Recreational:** Instruction in leisure skills.

**Employment:** Evaluation and training in industrial skills; work activity center.

**Computer Training:** Hands-on training in assistive technology lab. Speech output, magnification and braille access systems.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training on- or off-site.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

#### **Vision Loss Resources**

1936 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

(612) 871-2222

FAX: (612) 872-0189

URL: <http://www.visionlossresources.com>

Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hennepin County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** United Way; fees; Enterprise sales; capital funds; grants and contributions.

**Budget:** 1997: \$8,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 17 full time, 7 part time.

Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1917.

**Eligibility:** 20/60 vision or less or field restriction.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

Primarily 9-county metropolitan area and state of Minnesota.

**Age Requirements:** Preferably over 15 years.

**Health:** Diabetes information service; physical conditioning. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Group, individual and family. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies in other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Diabetic education.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching; low vision internship.

**Reading:** Information and referral.

**Residential:** Non-residential facility. Uses community housing facilities.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; braille and talking calculator; keyboarding; handwriting; adaptive computer technology; crafts and shop; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and other community settings. Contracts for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; follow-up services.

**Computer Training:** Training available on site and in community.



**Low Vision Follow-up:** Support group.

Services to seniors; provides an array of services including in-home assessment, in-home vision evaluation, independent living skills, and mutual help groups dealing with vision loss and concomitant needs of aging. Peer Counselors.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### FACES Access Services

1006 West Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
(612) 627-2925  
FAX: (612) 627-3101  
Deb Clark, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hennepin County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### Gillette Children's Hospital

550 West County Road D  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
(612) 636-9443  
Patti Bahr, Rehabilitation Engineer

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Computer Training:** Screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

### Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

P.O. Box 68  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-3226  
FAX: (507) 332-3631  
Steve Wasserman, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:**  
Rice County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

### Sister Kenny Institute

800 East 28th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 863-4400  
FAX: (612) 863-1141  
Becki Schwanke, Training Manager

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

### Vision Loss Resources

1936 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
(612) 871-2222  
FAX: (612) 872-0189  
Jean Christy, Sensory Aids Trainer

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; access to internet.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology

676 Transfer Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
(612) 645-2452  
FAX: (612) 645-2742  
E-mail: kwmao@aol.com  
Kristin M. H. Wallerich, Director  
JoAnn R. Reed, M.D., President

### Minnesota Optometric Association

2277 West Highway 36  
Roseville, MN 55113  
(612) 639-2555  
FAX: (612) 639-2520  
David N. Kunz, CEO

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Mayo Clinic

Eye Department  
Mayo West 7A  
200 1st Street, S.W.  
Rochester, MN 55905  
(507) 284-2787  
FAX: (507) 284-4612  
E-mail: viggiano.suzanne@mayo.edu  
Suzanne Viggiano, M.D.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmology technician.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Examinations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aid prescriptions. Low vision optical aid rooms. Dispenses prescriptions. No loans.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** On regular basis.

Referrals to state department for rehabilitation.

### St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center Low Vision Clinic

640 Jackson Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(612) 221-8782  
Dianna Graves, M.D., C.O.M.T.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ramsey County.

**Mission:** Optimization of residual vision.

**Funded by:** Client fees; county and state funds; medicare.  
**Hours of Operation:** Thurs. 8:30 AM -12 noon, by appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmic technician; ophthalmologist; social worker.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50 annually.

**Eligibility:** Referral; current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Residual vision and needs evaluated.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

**University of Minnesota  
Department of Ophthalmology**

Box 493, UMHC  
516 Delaware Street, S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0501  
(612) 625-4400

Jay Krachmer, M.D., Chairman

**County/District Where Located:** Hennepin County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; private donors; Lions Club.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic assistant/ technician; ophthalmic nurse.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Some provided on loan for trial; on-site training is provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** None.

**Vision Loss Resources**  
1936 Lyndale Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55403  
(612) 871-2222

FAX: (612) 872-0189

Steven A. Fischer, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit; private.

**County/District Where Located:** Hennepin County.

**Mission:** To assist people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their full potential.

**Funded by:** Client fees; United Way.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Registered nurse, rehabilitation counselor, low vision instructors.

**History/Date:** Est. 1914.

**Eligibility:** Vision impairment.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Mutual help groups.

**Low Vision:** On-site/in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sell aids and appliances.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to client.

**Local Offices:**

**St. Paul:** Vision Loss Resources, 216 South Wabash Street, St. Paul, MN 55107, (612) 224-7662.

St. Paul, MN 55155-3843

(612) 296-2770 or Information and referral in-state (800) 652-9747 or (800) 882-6262

FAX: (612) 297-7855

Jim Varpness, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS**

**Minnesota Services for the Blind  
Career and Independent Living  
Services**

2200 University Avenue West  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
(612) 642-0863 or (800) 652-9000  
Lyle Lundquist, Supervisor

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

◆ **Aging Services**

**STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Board on Aging**  
444 Lafayette Road



# MISSISSIPPI

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Mississippi Department of Education

Sillers State Office Building  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205  
(601) 359-3513  
Tom Burnham, Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Mission:** Serves as registration agency for blind and partially sighted students in public schools who are eligible for American Printing House for the Blind materials. Approves programs for visually handicapped in public schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Mississippi.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Infant and Toddler Program Mississippi Department of Health

2423 North State Street  
Room 107A  
P.O. Box 1700  
Jackson, MS 39215-1700  
(601) 960-7427 or (800) 451-3903  
FAX: (601) 354-6087  
Roy Heart, Director, Infant and Toddler Program

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

Information and referral services, technical assistance, central directory of early intervention services.

### SCHOOLS

#### Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
(601) 984-8200 or (601) 984-8203  
FAX: (601) 984-8230  
E-mail: jparmsb@misnet.com  
Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; partially sighted; deaf-blind; multihandicapped.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.- Fri. 8:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.

**History/Date:** Est. 1848.

**Eligibility:** 50 percent loss of vision; resident of Mississippi.

**Area Served:** Mississippi.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** General medical services for students; refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Limited psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family / parent counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Consultation provided to other schools and agencies upon request.

**Educational:** Grades K-12, deaf-blind-multihandicapped unit. Programs: general academic; vocational skill development; daily living. Ages 5-21, school program; 0-5 homebound program.

**Preschools:** Homebound program; developmental training and premobility.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement. In-service training programs.

**Reading:** Braille books and magazines; large print books.

**Residential:** Dormitories for residential students.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation / mobility; home economics; refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Afterschool activities; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development; work-study program.

**Low Vision:** Operates Low Vision Clinic. Provides exams, assists in ordering low vision aids, provides training and follow-up.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loan program.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
(601) 984-8200 or (601) 984-8223  
FAX: (601) 984-8230  
Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent  
Ted Dear, Director

**Type of Agency:** State residential school.

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Funded by:** Title I, P.L. 89-313.

**Staff:** 2 full time (visually handicapped and early childhood teachers). Orientation / mobility specialist, other related services personnel available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** Mississippi.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling.

**Educational:** Adaptive equipment. Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Low Vision:** Exams available. Provides training and follow-up and assists in ordering low vision aids.

Home-based and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped children, with or without other impairments.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### Jackson State University Department of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

P.O. Box 17870  
Jackson, MS 39217  
(601) 968-2370  
Dr. Celestine R. Jefferson,  
Chairman, Department of Special  
Education & Rehabilitative  
Services  
Dr. Glenda Winfield, Assistant  
Professor, Department of Special  
Education

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hinds County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate certification programs for teachers of visually impaired students (coursework offered only when there is sufficient demand).

#### Mississippi State University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision

P.O. Drawer 6189

Mississippi State, MS 39762  
(601) 325-2001  
FAX: (601) 325-8989  
E-mail: [rrtc@ra.msstate.edu](mailto:rrtc@ra.msstate.edu)  
URL: <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/rrtc/blind.html>  
Dr. J. Elton Moore, Director

**Programs Offered:** In-service training and continuing education programs; graduate credit offered for vision specialists in vocational rehabilitation program.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Mississippi Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Services

5455 Executive Place  
Jackson, MS 39206  
(601) 354-7208 or TDD (601) 354-6411  
FAX: (601) 354-6077  
E-mail: [tbbs@mlc.lib.ms.us](mailto:tbbs@mlc.lib.ms.us)  
URL: <http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us>  
Rahye Puckett, Manager  
John Whitlock, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hinds County.

**Mission:** To provide library and information services to all Mississippi residents unable to read standard print due to a physical disability.

**Funded by:** Public funds and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 7 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000.

**Eligibility:** Unable to read standard print, by application.

**Area Served:** Mississippi.

**Transportation:** Y.

Regional library of the National Library Service, Library of Congress, providing talking books, audio cassettes, and braille books. Distributes talking book and audio cassette playback equipment. Renders repair service. Provides reference and information referral services by telephone, mail, fax, e-mail, and in person. Produces quarterly newsletter.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Mississippi Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Services

5455 Executive Place  
Jackson, MS 39206  
(601) 354-7208 or TDD (601) 354-6411  
FAX: (601) 354-6077 (call before transmitting)  
E-mail: [tbbs@mlc.lib.ms.us](mailto:tbbs@mlc.lib.ms.us)  
URL: <http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us>  
Rahye L. Puckett, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hinds County.

**Area Served:** Mississippi.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille, cassettes, large-print.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

#### Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
(601) 984-8200 or (601) 984-8221  
FAX: (601) 984-8230  
E-mail: [msbkgc@misnet.com](mailto:msbkgc@misnet.com)  
Dr. John Parrish, Superintendent  
Kevan Clinard, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hinds County.



**Area Served:** Statewide.  
**Groups Served:** Public schools.  
**Types/Content:** None specified.  
**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.  
**Title Listings:** None specified.

## RADIO READING

### Radio Reading Service of Mississippi

3825 Ridgewood Road  
 Jackson, MS 39211  
 (601) 982-6301  
 Mike Duke, Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1986.  
**Area Served:** Mississippi.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### Preserve Sight Mississippi

5455 Executive Place  
 Jackson, MS 39206-4104  
 (601) 362-6985  
 FAX: (601) 362-6987  
 Lois Russell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.  
**Mission:** To preserve sight and prevent blindness.  
**Funded by:** Contributions.  
**Budget:** \$80,000.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM-4:00PM.  
**Staff:** 2.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1967.  
**Area Served:** Statewide.  
**Age Requirements:** None.  
**Health:** Glaucoma screening for adults.  
**Educational:** Brochures, pamphlets.

**Preschools:** Visual acuity screening.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Blind Lawyers Association

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 1698  
 Natchez, MS 39215-1698  
 (601) 853-5100  
 FAX: (601) 853-5205  
 E-mail: 102476.3621@compuserve.com  
 Dr. Michael J. Gandy, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.  
**Mission:** Vocational rehabilitation and independent living services for the totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.  
**Funded by:** State and federal funds; some donations.  
**Budget:** \$12.8 million.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.  
**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.  
**Staff:** 90 full time.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1928.  
**Number of Clients Served:** 2,500.  
**Eligibility:** Federal guidelines.  
**Area Served:** Statewide.  
**Transportation:** Y.  
**Age Requirements:** 17 years of age and up.  
**Health:** As needed to reach program goals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Remedial, vocational, college and graduate.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Remedial as needed to reach program goals.

**Residential:** Dormitories available.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility. Provision of direct and purchased services for individuals not qualified for vocational rehabilitation but in need of intervention to pursue independent living goals.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

#### Local Offices:

**Columbus:** 48 Datco Industrial Drive, P.O. Box 582, Columbus, MS 39703, (601) 328-8807.

**Ellisville:** Ellisville State School, Ellisville, MS 39437, (601) 477-9384.

**Greenville:** 1427 South Main Street, Suite 105, Greenville, MS 38702, (601) 335-1502.

**Greenwood:** 706 Highway 49-82 By-pass, P.O. Box 543, Greenwood, MS 38935, (601) 455-1432.

**Gulfport:** 625 Courthouse Road, Suite 113, Gulfport, MS 39506, (601) 897-7620.

**Hattiesburg:** 4015 Hardy Street, P.O. Box 17949, Hattiesburg, MS 39404, (601) 264-6210.

**Jackson:** Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 2550 Peachtree Street, P.O. Box 5314, Jackson, MS 39296-5314, (601) 364-2700.

**Jackson:** 300 Capers Avenue, Jackson, MS 39203, (601) 351-1527, (601) 351-1486.

**McComb:** 1400-A Harrison Drive, Box 1408, McComb, MS 39648-1408, (601) 684-3392.

**Meridian:** 1003 College Drive, P.O. Box 4317, Meridian, MS 39304, (601) 483-5391.

**Natchez:** 115 Jefferson Davis Boulevard, Natchez, MS 39120, (601) 442-7322.

**Oxford:** Nine Lafayette Park Drive, P.O. Box 1111, Oxford, MS 38655-1111, (601) 234-6092.

**Tupelo:** 615-A Pegram Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801-6321, (601) 844-5830.

**Vicksburg:** 1713 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180, (601) 638-1621.

## REHABILITATION

### Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2550 Peachtree Street  
P.O. Box 5314  
Jackson, MS 39296-5314  
(601) 364-2700  
Carrie Bahr, Director

**Type of Agency:** Personal adjustment center with evaluation and training in personal and vocational areas.

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Mission:** To provide evaluation, training, and counseling services to

persons who are blind/visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Independent Living Services and fees for out-of-state trainees.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/day.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible to wheelchair users and deaf persons.

**Staff:** Approximately 32.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 176.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired; deaf-blind or multihandicapped.

**Area Served:** Mississippi; accepts out-of-state referrals as space is available.

**Age Requirements:** 16 and older.

**Health:** General medical and ophthalmological evaluations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Comprehensive social and psychological evaluations; personal and group counseling provided.

**Educational:** Evaluations.

**Reading:** Library services; aids; computer literacy.

**Residential:** Dormitory space available for 34 trainees.

**Rehabilitation:** Home and personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Training and activities for independent participation in community programs; physical conditioning.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; vocational information and job-seeking skills; vocational training in business enterprise program; clerical work and data entry.

**Computer Training:** Access and word-processing skills.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and training; specialized evaluation/treatment available on site; treatment and services as needed.

**Low Vision Aids:** Recommended as needed.

### Mississippi Industries for the Blind

P.O. Drawer 4417  
Jackson, MS 38296  
(601) 984-3200  
FAX: (601) 987-3892  
Jack Williams, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Mission:** To provide blind persons with employment.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 20.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938.

**Employment:** Employment training.

### Local Offices:

**Meridian:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind, 6603 Laurel Drive, Meridian, MS 39307, (601) 693-5525, FAX (601) 693-5569, Ronny Salter, Manager.

### Signature Works, Inc.

P.O. Drawer 30  
1 Signature Drive  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
(601) 894-1771 or (800) 647-2468  
FAX: (601) 894-2993  
E-mail: sigworks@techlink.net  
URL: <http://www.signatureworks.com>  
Howard Becker, President, C.E.O.

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide competitive vocational training for persons who are totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind, learning disabled blind, mentally retarded blind,



emotionally disturbed blind, and clients with epilepsy and other disabilities if also blind.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, service fees, and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All locations meet accessibility guidelines.

**Staff:** 72 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 450 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and over.

**Health:** Full time registered nurse; outsource for other medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling.

**Educational:** Vocational/skill development; GED classes.

**Professional Training:** Regular training programs; summer and short-term training.

**Residential:** Group homes for developmentally disabled blind adults. On-site residences for trainees; off-site apartments for employees.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Evening and weekend programs.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; competitive and transitional employment; post-retirement centers.

**Computer Training:** Beginner classes.

#### Local Offices:

**Ellisville:** Signature Works, Ellisville State School Division, P.O. Box 667, Ellisville, MS 39437, (601) 477-9384, ext. 252.

**Gulfport:** Signature Works, Gulf Coast Division, 424 34th Street, Gulfport, MS 39501, (601) 865-0324, FAX (601) 864-0605.

**Jackson:** Signature Works, Youth Program, 1252 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, (601) 987-3952.

**Jackson:** Post-Retirement Center, 300 Capers Avenue, Jackson, MS 39203, (601) 969-3649.

**Natchez:** Signature Works Post-Retirement Center, 800 Washington Street, Natchez, MS 39120, (601) 442-2090.

**Sanitorium:** Signature Works, Boswell Division, P.O. Box 128, Sanitorium, MS 39112, (601) 849-3321.

**Tupelo:** Signature Works, Tupelo Division, 1151 South Veterans Boulevard, Tupelo, MS 38801, (601) 841-1640.

**Whitfield:** Signature Works, Hudspeth Center, Whitfield, MS 39193, (601) 939-8640.

#### COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

##### Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

2550 Peachtree Street  
P.O. Box 5314  
Jackson, MS 39296-5314  
(601) 364-2700  
Carrie Bahr, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

#### Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211  
(601) 984-8200  
FAX: (601) 984-8230  
Ernestine Hubbard, Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

### ♦ Low Vision Services

#### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

##### Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Association

561 Medical Drive  
Clarksdale, MS 38614  
(601) 627-5256  
Tom S. Cooper, M.D., President

**County/District Where Located:** Coahoma County.

##### Mississippi Optometric Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 16441  
Jackson, MS 39236-0441  
(601) 956-7412  
Helen A. St. Clair, CAE, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hinds County.

#### LOW VISION CENTERS

##### University Medical Center, Department of Ophthalmology

2500 North State Street

Jackson, MS 39216-4505  
(601) 984-5020  
FAX: (601) 984-5031  
Samuel B. Johnson, M.D.,  
Chairman of Ophthalmology  
Mark Cloer, Director, Low Vision

**Funded by:** Client fees and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
ophthalmology resident;  
ophthalmic assistant/ technician;  
low vision assistant; social worker;  
orientation/ mobility instructor;  
rehabilitation teacher;  
psychologist/ counselor;  
rehabilitation counselor; genetic  
counselor; audiologist.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Office of Vocational  
Rehabilitation for the Blind  
Mississippi Department of  
Rehabilitation Services**

P.O. Box 1698

Jackson, MS 39215-1698

(601) 853-5100 or (800) 443-1000

Mike Gandy, Program Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Council on Aging  
Division of Aging and Adult  
Services**

750 North State Street

Jackson, MS 39202

(601) 359-4929 or Information and  
referral in-state (800) 222-7622 or

(800) 948-3090

FAX: (601) 359-4370

Eddie Anderson, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.



# MISSOURI

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

P.O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
(573) 751-4909  
FAX: (573) 526-4404  
Dr John Heskett, Commissioner of Division of Special Education  
Melodie Friedebach, Coordinator of Special Education Programs

**County/District Where Located:** Cole County.

**Mission:** Administers supplementary state funds for visually impaired students attending local schools. Provides consultation on educational services.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Missouri.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

Specific questions regarding services should be directed to the local school district. All services are provided in compliance with IDEA, P.L. 94-142.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Section of Special Education Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

P.O. Box 480

Jefferson City, MO 65102  
(573) 751-0185  
FAX: (573) 526-4404  
Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Director

Early intervention and special education services to children with disabilities, ages birth to five years.

### SCHOOLS

#### Blue Springs Special Services Center

2103 West Vesper  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
(816) 224-1360  
Linda Nichols, Principal

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 monies.

**Staff:** 46 full time (includes teachers, occupational and speech therapists, and aides), 1 part time; uses volunteers as classroom and occupational therapy aides.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 156.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas; adaptive equipment. Center-based day program for severely disabled deaf-blind/multiply disabled students from 3 to 21 years of age.

#### Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-4320 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 622-5672  
FAX: (314) 776-1875  
E-mail: yvonne.howze@together.org  
Dr. Yvonne S. Howze, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Educational with residential component and outreach services.

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Mission:** To teach students to master basic academic, social, life, and work skills; to communicate effectively; to make responsible decisions, and to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds; some private donations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$6.0 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours; 7 days.

**Staff:** 182.

**History/Date:** Est. 1851.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 120.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; resident of Missouri.

**Area Served:** Missouri.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 (outreach); 5-21 (centerbased).

**Health:** On-site and in conjunction with local hospitals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available as needed.

**Educational:** Grades K-12.

Educational and vocational preparation programs for children who are blind, multiply disabled or deaf-blind.

**Preschools:** Home-based services through Parent Involvement Network.

**Professional Training:** Weekends with the Experts training program for all professionals working with children, youths and adults who are blind/visually impaired; insite and VIISA training; teacher certification offerings in conjunction with the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

**Reading:** Print; braille; electronics.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Offered in conjunction with adult-service providers.

**Recreational:** NCASVH conference participant for varsity sports; special olympics.

**Employment:** On- and off-campus jobs for students; supported work program.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision assessments on request.

**Low Vision Aids:** Issued by school optometrist.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Conducted through Outreach Services Division.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Children's Center for the Visually Impaired(CCVI)

400 West 57th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64113  
(816) 333-3166  
FAX: (816) 333-3268  
Mary Lynne Dolemba, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To prepare young blind and visually impaired children, including those with multiple disabilities, to function at their highest potential in the sighted world.

**Funded by:** United Way; private donations; income from endowment, state and local funds, fund-raising events.

**Budget:** \$780,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM; September-May; July summer session.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 31.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 110.

**Eligibility:** Any child with a visual impairment. Birth through school age.

**Area Served:** Serves 35-mile radius of Kansas City (consultation beyond in Kansas and Missouri).

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through school age.

**Health:** Hearing screening.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; other

social and health services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Preschools:** For children aged 2 to kindergarten.

**Professional Training:** Sponsored workshops and seminars.

**Reading:** Braille and print.

**Rehabilitation:** Placement assistance, orientation/mobility, adaptive equipment, occupational therapy, speech pathology, physical therapy, braille.

**Recreational:** Summer school for children aged 3-7.

**Low Vision:** Examination and evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Center-based program with home component for visually impaired 0-3 year olds, with or without other impairments. Classes for visually impaired 3-5 year olds.

Consultant services to other programs available.

### Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments

5030 McRee  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-1300  
FAX: (314) 776-7808  
Debbie Naucke, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Educational, developmental, and support services to visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled children birth-3 and their families.

**Funded by:** Private donations; income from capital funds; local fund raising efforts; insurance; state/local contracts; special events.

**Budget:** 1992.: \$380,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; some evenings/weekends.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 5 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Number of Clients Served:** 90 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Serves 50-mile radius (includes city of St. Louis; St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Franklin, and Illinois Counties).

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - 3.

**Health:** Health and social services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent support group;

parent counseling; referrals to community programs; placement in school assistance; social evaluations.

**Preschools:** Developmental training; vision training; infant stimulation program. Provides instruction in most developmental areas. Speech therapy, state certified itinerant and center-based program. Orientation and mobility specialist on staff.

**Reading:** Library.

**Rehabilitation:** Toy-lending program.

**Recreational:** Parent activities.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Refers to other sources.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** On-going or consulting.

Home and center-based programs for visually impaired children, 0-3 years, with or without additional disabilities.

Consultant services to other programs.



## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-4320, ext. 250 or (in Missouri only) (800) 622-5672  
FAX: (314) 776-1875  
Linda Van Eck-Niedringhaus,  
Division Director, Outreach Services  
Jennie Mascheck, Vision Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1851.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years for preschool program; 3-21 years for other services.

**Assessment:** Functional vision assessment, orientation and mobility assessment, and other assessments available on a direct service basis.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Consultation services available.

**Direct Service:** Outreach services include indirect consultation, assessment and training.

**Parent Assistance:** Direct in-home services.

### Materials Production:

Coordinates requests for service with American Printing House for the Blind Materials Center on campus.

**Professional Training:** INSITE; deafblind coursework in collaboration with University of Missouri, St. Louis.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-4320, ext. 256 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 622-5672  
FAX: (314) 776-1875  
E-mail: bvz000@mail.connect.more.net  
Brian Forney, Librarian, APH Materials Center

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Area Served:** Entire state.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and other educational aids.

**Media Formats:** Regular print; braille; large-print.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

600 West Main  
P.O. Box 387  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387  
(573) 751-8720 or TDD (800) 347-1379 or toll-free in Missouri (800) 392-2614  
FAX: (573) 526-2985  
Elizabeth Eckles, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Regional Library.

**County/District Where Located:** Cole County.

**Mission:** To provide library and information services to any Missouri resident unable to read standard print due to a physical disability.

**Funded by:** State and federal.

**Budget:** \$550,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 18.5 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1924.

**Number of Clients Served:** 14,200.

**Eligibility:** Unable to use standard print.

**Area Served:** Missouri.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aids for in-library and demonstration purposes.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type magazines, tapes. Reader service available.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Beth Shalom Braille Committee

12100 Wornall Road  
Apt. 246  
Kansas City, MO 64145  
(816) 942-8334  
Sylvia Katz, Secretary

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, career/vocational, religious, musical.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Low Vision Library Kansas City Association for the Blind

Kansas City Public Library  
311 East 12th Street  
Third Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 842-7559  
Jim Fettgather, System Librarian for Low Vision Library

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Groups Served:** All groups; individuals, schools, businesses.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, business materials, items of personal interest.

**Media Formats:** Braille, cassette tape.

#### **Midwestern Braille Volunteers**

325 North Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
(314) 966-5828  
FAX: (314) 966-0388  
Sue Zahra, Office Manager

#### **County/District Where Located:**

St. Louis County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, miscellaneous.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Available on request.

#### **Special School District, Saint Louis County**

12110 Clayton Road  
Town and Country, MO 63131  
(314) 569-8251  
FAX: (314) 569-8186  
James Baker, Area Vision Coordinator

#### **County/District Where Located:**

St. Louis County.

**Groups Served:** Age 3-21.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, supplementary academic.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

#### **Talking Tapes for the Blind**

3015 South Brentwood Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63144  
(314) 968-2557  
FAX: (314) 968-2557  
Margaret A. Stroup, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Entire U.S.

**Age Requirements:** School-age and college students; adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and leisure reading.

**Media Formats:** 2-track cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Catalog available on request.

Records textbooks and other printed material for blind, visually impaired, and learning disabled persons.

Circulating library of 5,250 books on tape.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Greater Kansas City Affiliate**

1000 S.W. Eight Court  
Lees Summit, MO 64081  
(816) 524-6443  
Mary Lucas, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Greater St. Louis Affiliate**

8973 Lindenhurst Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63126  
(314) 843-1212  
Pauline Krueger, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Optometric Association**

**Herald House**

**Lutheran Library for the Blind**

**Services to the Blind**

**Reorganized Church of Jesus**

**Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind**

3418 Knipp Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
(573) 751-4249  
FAX: (573) 751-4984  
Sally Howard, Deputy Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Cole County.

**Mission:** To provide vocational and independent living rehabilitation services. To create opportunities for eligible blind and visually impaired persons so they may attain personal and vocational success.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** 1997: \$9 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 100 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1915.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 6,000.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness; 20/70 or worse corrected acuity in the better eye, if individual has a progressive eye disease.

**Area Served:** Missouri.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Vision screening and glaucoma testing services. Additional eye care services to eligible persons include diagnosis and follow-up treatment that may include surgery, hospitalization, eyeglasses, medication, and prostheses.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services; psychological testing;



counseling with parents of blind children.

**Educational:** Postsecondary for vocational rehabilitation clients, based on economic need.

**Preschools:** Instruction in preschool developmental activities.

**Rehabilitation:** Diagnosis and evaluation; counseling and guidance; referral; physical and mental restoration; instruction in personal management, communication techniques, homemaking activities, travel; home mechanics and economics; orientation / mobility.

**Employment:** Evaluation; vocational training; job development and placement; support services; post-employment services; services to family members; training and placement of blind persons in vending facilities and other small business enterprises; supervision and management services.

**Computer Training:** For vocational rehabilitation clients, based on economic needs.

**Low Vision:** Vision testing at designated site.

**Low Vision Aids:** Based on economic need.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

**Local Offices:**

**Jefferson City:** 210C East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, (573) 751-2714, FAX (573) 526-4526.

**Kansas City:** 615 East Thirteenth Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 889-2677, FAX (816) 889-2504.

**St. Ann:** 10449 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO 63074-1827, (314) 426-4949, FAX (314) 426-3560.

**St. Louis:** Number Two Campbell Plaza, Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63139, (314) 877-0151, FAX (314) 877-0168.

**Sikeston:** P.O. Box 369, 808 Hunter, Sikeston, MO 63801, (573) 472-5240, FAX (573) 472-5393.

**Springfield:** 149 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806, (417) 895-6386, FAX (417) 895-6392.

## REHABILITATION

### Alphapointe Association for the Blind

1844 Broadway  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(816) 421-5848  
FAX: (816) 421-6523  
E-mail: richardk@alphapointe.org

Thomas Healy, President  
Richard Knight, Executive Vice president

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Mission:** To assist blind and visually impaired persons through rehabilitation and other social services.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, donations, bequests.

**Budget:** \$6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-4:30PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 12.

**History/Date:** Est. 1916.

**Number of Clients Served:** 700 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Western Missouri, eastern Kansas.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years or older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counselor on staff.

**Educational:** Tuition assistance for blind work services clients.

**Reading:** Records and cassettes; braille transcription.

**Rehabilitation:** Employment and work training; in-home assistance for seniors.

**Employment:** Vocational training; sheltered workshop.

**Computer Training:** Adaptive technology.

**Low Vision:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** In-home demonstrations of aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Local Offices:**

**Kansas City:** Low Vision Library, 311 East 12th, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 842-7559.

### Center for Blindness and Low Vision

#### Rehabilitation Institute

2801 Wyandotte Street, Third Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(816) 753-6533

FAX: (816) 531-4570

Tory Brust, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Mission:** Comprehensive rehabilitation as requested by referral.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Budget:** 1997: \$1,400,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 31.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 127.

**Eligibility:** Fee sponsorship.

**Area Served:** Primarily Missouri and Kansas; other states on request.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 14 years or over.

**Health:** Refers for eye health; provides occupational/physical/speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides social and psychological evaluation/testing, counseling. Refers for community services, school placement.

**Educational:** College prep and general academics.

**Professional Training:** Provides internships in occupational therapy, social work, rehab counseling and orientation and mobility.

**Reading:** Talking book records/cassette players; braille/recorded magazines; transcription; closed-circuit television; information and referral services available.

**Residential:** 6 two-bedroom apartments.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational/daily living/communication skills/orientation and mobility. Both on-site and in the community.

**Recreational:** Variety of recreational activities.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation and counseling; placement; training; job coaching. Refers for job retraining.

**Computer Training:** Computers accessible to blind persons. Adaptive computer technology training.

**Low Vision:** Refers for low vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Automated perimeter system, Dyna-vision 2000, CCTVs, magnifiers, large print computers.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Prescribed therapy.

### **Lighthouse for the Blind**

10440 Trenton Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63132-1223  
(314) 423-4333  
FAX: (314) 423-0139  
Ed Lanser, President

**Type of Agency:** Blind Industries.  
**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Mission:** Provides training and employment for blind and legally blind men and women.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; sub-contracts; endowment.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

**Staff:** 40 full time and part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Number of Clients Served:** 90.

**Eligibility:** 20/200 vision or worse in both eyes with best correction. Field restriction of 10 degrees.

**Area Served:** St. Louis metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation services.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management, skill-training, work opportunity.

**Employment:** Evaluation and prevocational training.

### **Local Offices:**

**Berkeley:** LHB Industries, 8833 Fleischer Place, Berkeley, MO 63134, (314) 522-3141, FAX (314) 522-8808, Steve Wenger, Plant Manager.

**St. Louis:** LHB Industries, 10616 Trenton, St. Louis, MO 63132, (314) 423-7955, FAX (314) 423-6918, Rex Osborn, Plant Manager.

### **The Mary Culver Home**

221 West Washington Avenue  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
(314) 966-6034  
Colleen Hill, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit: intermediate care home and licensed nursing facility.

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Mission:** To provide life care to blind or legally blind women.

**Funded by:** Contributions, endowment.

**Budget:** \$850,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 40.

**History/Date:** Est. 1866.

**Number of Clients Served:** 28.

**Eligibility:** Female; blind or legally blind; residents of Missouri; ambulatory.

**Area Served:** Missouri.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 21; average age 89.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Contracted as needed. In-house support group.

**Reading:** Braille material/library. Talking book program available.

**Residential:** Intermediate care home; private rooms.

**Rehabilitation:** Services contracted. Mobility training and orientation training provided.

**Recreational:** Daily activities provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Quarterly eye exams provided.

### **St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

7954 Big Bend Boulevard  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
(314) 968-9000  
FAX: (314) 968-9003  
David Ekin, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Mission:** To provide education and training to facilitate physical, psychological, and social rehabilitation and independence for blind and visually impaired adults; to promote prevention of blindness; to provide public



information about visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Lions Clubs; capital income, community contributions and individual donations.

**Budget:** \$680,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Program accessible.

**Staff:** 11 full time, 5 part time. Uses and trains volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1911.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired and multiply disabled.

**Area Served:** St. Louis.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adult.

**Health:** Public education program; eye safety programs for school and industry; post-operative eye care; visual acuity and glaucoma screening. Provides eyeglasses/prostheses for medically indigent. Provides consulting services to low vision clinics and health care professionals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family, individual,

counseling; information and referral. Group counseling on site and at senior living sites.

**Professional Training:** Low vision training. Provides in-service training for universities, schools and hospitals.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services at nursing homes, hospitals, technical schools, schools and universities.

**Recreational:** Trips to symphony, Muni-opera. In-home and on-site recreation program for older adults. St. Louis teams of the U.S. Blind Bowlers Association. Community groups.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic; has loan program.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provides low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Through clinic and home follow-up.

### **Service Club for the Blind**

3719 Watson Road  
St. Louis, MO 63109  
(314) 674-3306

Fred Keller, President

**Mission:** Services for children and adults. Provides clothing, medicine, food vouchers, and shoes.

**Funded by:** Endowment and contributions.

**Staff:** 4 full-time, 1 volunteer.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Eligibility:** Blind or legally blind only.

**Area Served:** St. Louis and St. Louis County.

**Health:** Sells aids and appliances on order.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

## **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

### **Low Vision Library**

#### **Kansas City Association for the Blind**

Kansas City Public Library  
311 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 842-7559  
Kelly Guthrie

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

### **Missouri School for the Blind**

3815 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-4320  
FAX: (314) 776-1875  
Doris Gros, Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

## **♦ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Missouri Ophthalmological Society**

Ten West Phillips Road  
Metro Square One, Suite 120  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061  
(847) 680-1666  
FAX: (573) 882-8474  
E-mail: joseph\_giangiacomo@missouri.edu  
Richard H. Paul, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Boone County.

#### **Missouri Optometric Association, Inc.**

112 East High Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101-3274  
(573) 635-6151  
Zoe Lyle

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **Barnes Eye Clinic**

1 Barnes Hospital Plaza

St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 362-5312  
FAX: (314) 362-3725  
Mary Dobbs, Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Funded by:** Client fees and hospital.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; optician.

**Number of Clients Served:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase. On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

#### **Eye Institute St. Louis University**

1755 South Grand  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
(314) 577-6038  
John B. Selhorst, Interim

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** St. Louis County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Wed.  
9:00AM-4:00PM; Thurs. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Counselors; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; ophthalmology resident.

**History/Date:** 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500-600 annually.

**Eligibility:** Referral and current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Professional Training:** Clinical training for ophthalmology residents and optometry students.

**Low Vision:** Complete evaluation and prescription service.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned at no charge; prescribed/fitted.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

#### **Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center VICTORS Program**

4801 Linwood Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
(816) 861-4700, ext. 661, 662  
FAX: (816) 922-3382  
E-mail: maino@kansas\_city.va.gov  
Dr. Joseph Maino, Chief

**County/District Where Located:** Jackson County.

**Mission:** To assist in the low vision rehabilitation of veterans.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired veterans.

**Area Served:** Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska; referrals from other areas considered.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and family counseling available.

**Professional Training:** Optometry residents and students on rotation.

**Residential:** In-patient and lodger programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Intensive 5-day inpatient rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visits; phone interviews; support groups.

#### **Low Vision Rehabilitation Program**

**University of Missouri - Kansas  
City**

**Department of Ophthalmology**

2300 Holmes Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(816) 881-6157  
FAX: (816) 881-6246  
Camille Matta, M.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provide low vision rehabilitation services to all, regardless of ability to pay.

**Funded by:** Client fees; insurance payments.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; occupational therapist; orientation and mobility specialist.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 1,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Kansas City area.

**Age Requirements:** Adults age 18 and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups.

**Rehabilitation:** Outpatient rehabilitation training for independence in activities of daily living.

**Computer Training:** Job-site assessments for assistive technology.

**Low Vision:** Training to maximize usefulness of residual vision.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site or in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visits.

**Optometric Center of St. Louis**  
3940 Lindell Boulevard



St. Louis, MO 63108  
(314) 535-5016  
FAX: (314) 535-4747  
Dr. Jane Shea, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
Owned by University of Missouri-  
St. Louis School of Optometry.

**County/District Where Located:**  
St. Louis County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; Lions  
Club; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmic assistant;  
ophthalmic technician;  
optometrist; optometry students.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Eligibility:** Current  
ophthalmologist report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Professional Training:** Training  
for optometry students.

**Low Vision:** Optical rehabilitation  
services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for  
purchase; sold at cost. Refers for  
training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies  
according to patient.

### **St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

7954 Big Bend Boulevard  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
(314) 968-9000

FAX: (314) 968-9003

E-mail: slsbvi.org

Linda Barbier Bularzik, Low Vision  
Clinic Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
St. Louis County.

**Mission:** To provide education  
and training.

**Funded by:** Capital income,  
individual and community  
donations.

**Budget:** \$670,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Yes.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision  
specialist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1911.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams;  
instruction on use of aids; referrals  
to related services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescription  
and nonprescription devices for  
sale and loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** After one  
month, office or in-home.

### **Washington University Eye Center**

**Department of Ophthalmology  
and Visual Sciences**

#### **Low Vision Service**

660 South Euclid Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63110

(800) 543-2733

Carrie S. Gaines, O.D., Director,

Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
St. Louis County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Variable.

**Staff:** Optometrist; ophthalmic  
technician; social worker;  
occupational therapist; physical  
therapist; psychologist; diabetic  
nurse specialist; audiologist;  
optician; ophthalmologist.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purposes or purchase.  
On-site or in-home or at-work  
training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies  
according to patient.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Division of Aging**

#### **Missouri Department of Social Services**

615 Howerton Court

P.O. Box 1337

Jefferson City, MO 65102-1337

Elderly Abuse and Neglect Hotline  
(800) 392-0210 or (573) 751-3082

Gregg Vadner, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

# MONTANA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

**Montana Department of Curriculum  
Division of Special Education**  
Capitol Station  
Helena, MT 59620  
(406) 444-4429  
FAX: (406) 444-3924  
E-mail: [brunkel@opi.mt.gov](mailto:brunkel@opi.mt.gov)  
Robert Runkel, State Director of Special Education  
Marilyn Pearson, Education of the Handicapped Act/Part B  
Francisco J. Roman, Deaf-Blind Specialist

**Type of Agency:** A unit of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Mission:** Administers through affiliate, the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, the federal quota system for providing visually impaired children with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Through the same affiliate, it provides braille, large-type, and recorded material to the visually impaired students in local schools and has a repository of large-type textbooks. Also provides training on computer aids and devices.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$163,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** One full time.

**Number of Clients Served:** 82.

**Area Served:** Montana.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years of age.

For information about local facilities, consult the Director of

Special Education or Superintendent, Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, Great Falls, Montana 59401.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

**Developmental Disabilities Program**  
**Department of Public Health and Human Services**  
P.O. Box 4210  
Helena, MT 59604  
(406) 444-2995  
FAX: (406) 444-0230  
Jan Spiegle, Early Intervention Division

**County/District Where Located:** Lewis and Clark County.

Children in Montana who meet eligibility requirements and their families may receive a broad array of services based on individual need, including family training and support, assistive technology services, audiology services, family counseling, home visits, medical services for diagnostic purposes, nursing services, occupational therapy services, physical therapy services, psychological services, service coordination services, social work services, speech/language services, transportation, and vision services.

### SCHOOLS

**Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind**  
3911 Central Avenue  
Great Falls, MT 59405-1697  
(406) 771-6000  
FAX: (406) 771-6164  
C. John Kinna, Superintendent  
Bill Davis, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State residential school.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$3.2 million annually.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/day.

**Staff:** 13 full time. Shared speech and physical therapist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1893.

**Number of Clients Served:** 27 on campus; 160 in outreach program.

**Eligibility:** Auditory or visual impairment that is educationally significant.

**Area Served:** Montana.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Speech and physical therapy. Refers, contracts, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12 and nongraded. General academic programs.

**Preschools:** Home-based parent-infant program for children birth-3 years. On-campus preschool program.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork/placement in orientation/mobility; special education.

**Reading:** Lends cassette players; braille books; large-print books. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

**Residential:** Cottages.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; residential summer/camp. Provides for other recreational services.



**Employment:** Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for employment services.

**Computer Training:** Computer lab.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation and low vision aids available through Montana low vision services.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

3911 Central Avenue  
Great Falls, MT 59405-1697  
(406) 771-6000  
FAX: (406) 771-6164  
Bill Davis, Principal

**County/District Where Located:** Cascade County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Visual impairment assessment team performs assessments of visually impaired students at the request of parents or teachers.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Three resource consultants provide services throughout the state.

**Direct Service:** Orientation and mobility; speech therapy; physical therapy.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent-teacher Houseparent Aide Program.

**Materials Production:** Braille.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

3911 Central Avenue  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
(406) 771-6000  
Tee Holcomb, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Computer materials; braille; large print.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Montana Talking Books Library

1515 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620  
(406) 444-2064 or (800) 332-3400  
FAX: (406) 444-5612  
Sandra Jarvie, Librarian  
Alberta Blanton, Machine Lending Information

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,600.

**Eligibility:** People who cannot read standard print because of a visual or physical disability.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

Regional library supplying recorded books on cassette. Distributes talking book machines. Braille readers served by Utah State Library.

### RADIO READING

#### LIFTT Radio Reading Service

929 Broadwater Square  
Billings, MT 59101  
(406) 259-5181  
FAX: (406) 259-5259  
Dan Worneck, Director of Reading  
Patricia Lockwood, Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1988.

**Area Served:** Montana and northern Wyoming.

### Western Montana Radio Reading Services

924 South Third West  
Missoula, MT 59801  
(406) 721-1998  
Jan Bicha, Director  
Evelyn Hawkins, Coordinator

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** 150-mile radius from Missoula, covers 10 counties in western and central Montana.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Vocational Rehabilitation/Blind and Low Vision Services Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

111 Sanders  
P.O. Box 4210  
Helena, MT 59604-4210  
(406) 444-2590  
FAX: (406) 444-3632  
E-mail: jmathews@mt.gov  
Joe A. Mathews, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Federal and state.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, government grants.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1937.

**Eligibility:** Visual condition that is a vocational handicap.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** Adults.

**Health:** Contracts and refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs. Short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Local Offices:**

**Billings:** 1211 Grand, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 252-5601.

**Butte:** Executive Village, 517 East Front, Butte, MT 59701, (406) 723-6537.

**Great Falls:** 1818 Tenth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 727-7740.

**Missoula:** 1018 Burlington, Room 101, Missoula, MT 59801, (406) 721-4910.

**REHABILITATION****Rocky Mountain Development Council**

201 South Main  
P.O. Box 1717  
Helena, MT 59624  
(406) 447-1680 or Montana only  
(800) 356-6544  
FAX: (406) 447-1629  
Cindy Baril, Program Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit;  
Multi-county community action agency.

**Funded by:** Title VII, Chapter II.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Recreational:** Senior Companion Program, offering companion and chore services to elderly blind and sight impaired persons who are 55 years of age and older.

**COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS****Parents, Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK)**

1500 North 30th Street  
Billings, MT 59101-0298  
(406) 657-2055  
FAX: (406) 657-2061  
Roger Holt, Database Technician

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

**◆ Low Vision Services****EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Montana Academy of Ophthalmology**  
1025 Strawberry  
P.O. Box 803

Helena, MT 59624  
(406) 449-2334  
FAX: (406) 449-3156  
Gloria Hermanson, Executive Director

**Montana Optometric Association, Inc.**

36 South Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 443-1160  
FAX: (406) 443-4614  
Sue Weingartner, Executive Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS****Montana Low Vision Service, Inc.**

715 North Fee Street  
Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 442-0668 or toll-free in Montana and Idaho (800) 451-3226  
FAX: (406) 443-5425  
Christine Amundson, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lewis & Clark County.

**Mission:** Provide low vision evaluations and dispense optical/nonoptical aids to all who can benefit. Also act as a referral source to other helpful organizations.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundation grants; Lions and Lioness Clubs of Montana.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Helena: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Billings: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**Staff:** Helena: 1. Billings: 2.

**History/Date:** Helena: est. 1977; Billings: 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 270 per year.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited, primarily Montana and northern Wyoming.

**Age Requirements:** None.



**Computer Training:** Access for demonstration; training for aids/devices.

**Low Vision:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned for trial (no charge); purchase; prescribed/fitted.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interview.

**Local Offices:**

**Billings:** Low Vision Clinic,  
Securities Building, Room 510,  
2708 First Avenue North, Billings,  
MT 59101, (406) 248-1941  
(800) 228-1941 toll-free in Montana  
and Wyoming. Fax: (406) 248-1941.

contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Department of Public Health and  
Human Services Office on Aging**

111 Sanders Street  
Helena, MT 59604  
(406) 444-4088 or Information &  
Referral (800) 332-2272  
FAX: (406) 444-7743  
Charles Rahbein, Aging  
Coordinator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**Department of Public Health and  
Human Services**

**Blind and Low Vision Services**

111 Sanders Street  
Helena, MT 59604  
(406) 444-2590  
FAX: (406) 444-3463  
Joe A. Mathews, Administrator  
Bob Maffit, Program Supervisor

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,

# NEBRASKA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South  
P.O. Box 94987

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2471

FAX: (402) 471-0117

Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education

Don Anderson, Co-Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Lancaster County.

**Mission:** Provides consultative services for the establishment and operation of educational programs for children with visual impairments.

**Funded by:** Public funds (state, local, and federal funds).

**Area Served:** Nebraska.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21 years.

**Educational:** Consultation with educators serving students with visual impairments, to assist with program planning, instructional and material modifications, and accessing resources.

**Professional Training:** Staff development for regular and special educators.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Special Education, Part H Program

#### Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South  
P.O. Box 94987

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2471

FAX: (402) 471-0117

Joan Luebber, Part H Coordinator

Special education services provided through local school districts for eligible children from birth or date of diagnosis.

### SCHOOLS

#### Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

824 Tenth Avenue

P.O. Box 129

Nebraska City, NE 68410

(402) 873-5513

FAX: (402) 873-3463

William Mann, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and orthopedically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds, local schools through tuition, out-of-state contracts, and limited trust fund dollars.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,650,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 33 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1875.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-6: 19.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** State of Nebraska; will accept out-of-state contracts.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Kindergarten to age 21.

**Health:** Contracts and refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; placement in school. Contracts for other counseling/social services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for college prep; general academic; vocational/skill development.

**Preschools:** Open during summer months for assessment purposes.

**Professional Training:** Pre-service and in-service training site for University of Nebraska-Lincoln vision teacher endorsement program.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.

**Residential:** 5 days per week during regular school months.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; speech; music.

**Employment:** Job training opportunities available for some students.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices. Word processing.

**Low Vision:** Assessments conducted and recommendations supplied to school.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assessments or referral available.

Contact local school superintendent for program information.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Early Childhood Special Education Services

#### Omaha Public Schools

3215 Cuming Street



Omaha, NE 68131-2024  
 (402) 557-2420  
 FAX: (402) 557-2499  
 Gene Schwarting, Project Director,  
 (402) 557-2360  
 Donna Huttman, Visually  
 Impaired Program, (402) 557-2653

**Type of Agency:** Public school.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Douglas County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 (incentive grants).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:30AM-4:00PM.

**Staff:** 43 full time (includes early childhood/visually impaired teachers); orientation/mobility specialist available as consultant. 7 service coordinators.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Omaha area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling; psychological evaluations; other social services.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas; auditory and sensory training; adaptive equipment. Home teaching for children with health restrictions; classrooms for visually impaired, multihandicapped, and noncategorical; and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired/multihandicapped children, with or without other disabilities, 3-5 years.

**Preschools:** Home-based program and consultation to primary caretaker for visually handicapped/multihandicapped infants, with or without other disabilities, 0-2 years.

**Rehabilitation:** Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams.

### Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South  
 P.O. Box 94987  
 Lincoln, NE 68509  
 (402) 471-2471  
 Gary Sherman, Director of Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** State general funds and federal IDEA funds.

**Staff:** Outreach cadre teachers with certifications in visual impairment; services brokered by consultant.

**Area Served:** Nebraska.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** In-home and center-based assistance to meet needs of students with visual impairments in all developmental areas.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

824 Tenth Avenue  
 P.O. Box 129  
 Nebraska City, NE 68410  
 (402) 873-5513  
 FAX: (402) 873-3463  
 William Mann, Superintendent

**Funded by:** State, federal, and local funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1875.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through 21 years.

**Assessment:** Birth through 21 years.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** By request from school districts.

**Direct Service:** On campus.

**Parent Assistance:** On request.

**Materials Production:** Limited to serving Nebraska city public schools.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

824 Tenth Avenue  
 Nebraska City, NE 68410  
 (402) 873-5513  
 FAX: (402) 873-3463  
 Jean Gotschall, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbook, instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large print; audio.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### University of Nebraska

Department of Special Education  
 250 Barkley Center  
 Lincoln, NE 68583-0732  
 (402) 472-7211  
 FAX: (402) 472-7697  
 E-mail: dalcorn@unlinfo.unl.edu  
 Dr. John Bernthal, (402) 472-3955

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) program for teachers of visually impaired students (summer only).

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Talking Book and Braille Service

The Atrium  
 1200 N Street, Suite 120

Lincoln, NE 68508-2023  
 (402) 471-2045 or toll-free in  
 Nebraska (800) 742-7691 or TDD  
 (402) 471-4038  
 FAX: (402) 471-2083  
 E-mail: jake@neon.ncl.state.ne.us

URL: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/>  
 Paul Jacobsen, Machine Lending  
 Information

**Type of Agency:** State library.

**Mission:** Free library service to individuals unable to use regular print because of visual or physical impairment.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$513,214.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 10.5 full-time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,800.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and reading disabled persons.

**Area Served:** Nebraska.

**Reading:** Talking books, magazines, playback equipment, and braille.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology computer workstation within facility for public access.

Regional library providing talking books on disk or tape.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

**Special Education Media Center**  
 3215 Cuming Street  
 Room 4029  
 Omaha, NE 68131-2024  
 (402) 554-6310  
 Donna Hultman

**Area Served:** Omaha public schools.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

**Title Listings:** Registered with American Printing House for the Blind.

## Talking Book and Braille Service

The Atrium  
 1200 N Street, Suite 120  
 Lincoln, NE 68508-2023  
 (402) 471-2045 or toll-free in  
 Nebraska (800) 742-7691 or TDD  
 (402) 471-4038  
 FAX: (402) 471-6244  
 E-mail: doertli@neon.nlc.state.ne.us  
 URL: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us>  
 David Oertli, Director

**Area Served:** Nebraska.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, newsletter information.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Provided at no charge.

## RADIO READING

### Radio Talking Book Service

7101 Newport Avenue  
 Suite 205  
 Omaha, NE 68152  
 (402) 572-3003 or (800) 729-7826  
 FAX: (402) 572-3002  
 Richard Zlab, Station Manager  
 John Fullerton, Executive Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri.  
 5:00 AM-Midnight; Sat.-Sun.  
 6:00 AM-6:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** All of Nebraska and border areas of neighboring states.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Nebraska/Iowa Affiliate

P.O. Box 754  
 Omaha, NE 68101-0754  
 (402) 339-5604  
 Kay Konz, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### Prevent Blindness Nebraska

7101 Newport Avenue  
 Suite 308  
 Omaha, NE 68152  
 (402) 572-3520  
 FAX: (402) 572-3522  
 E-mail: 104706.1123@compuserve.com  
 Beverly J. Rudloff, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Douglas County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Christian Record Services

National Camps for Blind Children

Prose & Cons Braille Unit

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

## STATE SERVICES

### Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired

4600 Valley Road  
 Lincoln, NE 68510-4844  
 (402) 471-2891  
 FAX: (402) 483-4184  
 Dr. James S. Nyman, Director



**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provide training and counseling to assist blind and visually impaired persons to overcome the difficulties of vision loss.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$2.3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 46 full time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1943.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,428.

**Eligibility:** All persons whose sight is so defective as to seriously limit ability to participate in the ordinary vocations and activities of life.

**Area Served:** Nebraska.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family counseling; consultation with schools, families of blind children; referral services.

**Educational:** Assistance with tuition, books, and other school supplies.

**Residential:** Apartment living for orientation and adjustment center students.

**Rehabilitation:** Braille, independent travel, homemaking skills; home teaching program; center training program; counseling/education on understanding of blindness, social attitudes.

**Employment:** Vocational counseling/career development; prevocational training; contracts for vocational training; placement and follow-up services; small business assistance; vending program.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

#### Local Offices:

**Kearney:** Services for the Visually Impaired, 906 East 25th Street, Kearney, NE 68847-4603, (308) 865-5441.

**Norfolk:** Services for the Visually Impaired, 600 South 13th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701-4969, (402) 370-3436.

**North Platte:** Services for the Visually Impaired, North Platte State Office Building, 200 South Silber, North Platte, NE 69101-4298, (308) 535-8170.

**Omaha:** Services for the Visually Impaired, 1313 Farnam On the Mall, Omaha, NE 68102, (402) 595-2041.

**Scottsbluff:** Services for the Visually Impaired, 4500 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, (308) 632-1304.

#### COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

##### Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired

600 South 13th Street  
Norfolk, NE 68701-4969  
(402) 370-3436  
FAX: (402) 370-3508  
Glenn Ervin, Counselor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

##### Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped

P.O. Box 129  
Nebraska City, NE 68410  
(402) 873-5513  
FAX: (402) 873-3463  
William Mann, Superintendent

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen

magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; training for instructors.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

#### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

##### Nebraska Academy of Ophthalmology

233 South 13th Street, Suite 1512  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 474-4472  
Eric Carstenson, Executive Director

##### Nebraska Optometric Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 81706  
Lincoln, NE 68501-1706  
(402) 474-7716  
FAX: (402) 476-6547  
David S. McBride, Executive Director

#### LOW VISION CENTERS

##### Ophthalmology Department University of Nebraska Medical Center

3925 Dewey Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68198  
(402) 559-4170  
FAX: (402) 559-5514  
Howard Dinsdale, M.D., Director  
Kathy Von Dollen, R.N., Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Douglas County.

**Mission:** Provide low vision services.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; R.N. low vision specialist.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial at no charge; on-site and in-home training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** At regular intervals by appointment or by telephone.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Nebraska Department on Aging**

301 Centennial Mall South

P.O. Box 95044

Lincoln, NE 68509

(402) 471-2306 or (800) 430-3244

FAX: (402) 471-4619

Dennis Loose, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired**

**Nebraska Department of Public Institutions**

4600 Valley Road

Lincoln, NE 68510

(402) 471-2891

Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# NEVADA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Nevada Department of Education

700 East Fifth Street  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(702) 687-9171  
FAX: (702) 687-9123  
Gloria Dopf, Leader, Educational Equity

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides training, technical assistance, consultation, information dissemination, funds administration, and planning for special education services in Nevada's 17 school districts and in other agencies which provide services to students with disabilities, ages 3 through 21. Conducts comprehensive monitoring to ensure compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations in programs which serve students with disabilities.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Nevada.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or Mike Becker, Area Supervisor, Services to the Blind, 308 North Curry, Carson City, NV 89710, (702) 687-4444.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Childhood Services Division of Child and Family Services

#### Nevada Department of Human Resources

3987 South McCarran Boulevard  
Reno, NV 89502  
(702) 688-2284  
FAX: (702) 688-2558  
Marilyn K. Walter, Chief

Writes grants to fund outreach programs to rural areas; contracts with professionals specializing in visual impairment; operates home-based, statewide outreach program to serve young children and their families outside a 50-mile radius of Sparks.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Nevada State Library and Archives Regional Library for the Blind Talking Book Program

100 North Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(702) 687-5154 or toll-free in Nevada (800) 922-9334 or TDD (702) 687-5160  
FAX: (702) 887-2630  
Keri Putnam, Regional Librarian

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Nevada.

Regional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

**Talking Book Program  
Las Vegas-Clark County Library  
Subregional Library for the  
Blind and Handicapped**  
1401 East Flamingo Road

Las Vegas, NV 89119  
(702) 733-1925  
FAX: (702) 733-1567  
Doug Henderson, Librarian,  
(702) 687-5154

**County/District Where Located:**  
Clark County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$60,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,100.

**Area Served:** Southern Nevada.

Subregional library supplying talking books on disk and cassette.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Clark County School District

4101 West Bonanza Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89107  
(702) 799-4196  
FAX: (702) 799-0389  
Andrew Macklberg, Coordinating Teacher, Visually Impaired Program  
Ronald Malcolm, Coordinator, Sensory Deficit Program,  
(702) 799-5266

**County/District Where Located:**  
Clark County.

**Area Served:** Clark County.

**Groups Served:** Preschool through 12th grade. Ages 3 to 22.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

#### Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind

Kinkead Building  
505 East King Street, Room 503

Carson City, NV 89710  
 (702) 687-4444  
 FAX: (702) 687-5980  
 Maynard Yasmer, Bureau Chief

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** 164; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational; career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

**Nevada State Library  
 Regional Library for the Blind**

100 North Stewart Street  
 Carson City, NV 89701  
 (702) 887-2245  
 FAX: (702) 887-2630  
 Keri Putnam, Regional Librarian

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** None specified.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

**Talking Book Program  
 Las Vegas-Clark County Library**

1401 East Flamingo Road  
 Las Vegas, NV 89119  
 (702) 733-7810  
 Mary Anne Morton, Librarian

**County/District Where Located:** Clark County.

**Area Served:** Southern Nevada.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, educational, informational.

**Media Formats:** Flexible disks and cassettes.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**RADIO READING**

**Nevada Public Radio  
 Corporation  
 KNPR**

5151 Boulder Highway  
 Las Vegas, NV 89122  
 (702) 456-6695  
 FAX: (702) 458-2787  
 URL: <http://http://www.knpr.org>  
 Lamar Marchese, General Manager  
 Jay Bartos, Radio Reading Services

**Funded by:** Listener contributions, grants and gifts.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** Nevada.

See also in national listings:

Northern Nevada Braille  
 Transcribers

◆ **Rehabilitation  
 Services**

**STATE SERVICES**

**Nevada Bureau of Services to  
 the Blind**

Kinthead Building  
 505 East King Street, Room 501  
 Carson City, NV 89710  
 (702) 687-4440  
 FAX: (702) 687-5980  
 Maynard Yasmer, Bureau Chief  
 Elizabeth Breshears, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** 1997.: \$2,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 31 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,160.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that constitutes handicap to employment or independent living.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 16 years old.

**Health:** Provides aids and appliances; low vision clinic; diagnostic and evaluation services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services; psychological testing; counseling and guidance; adaptive living skills.

**Educational:** Postsecondary, college, and special diabetic education.

**Reading:** Reader service available.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications.

**Recreational:** Summer and winter recreation and leisure time activities.

**Employment:** Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; business enterprise program; follow-up service and post-employment services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Magnifiers and other aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Therapy as prescribed.

**Local Offices:**

**Fallon:** 31 North Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406, (702) 786-4444.

**Las Vegas:** 628 Belrose, Las Vegas, NV 89158, (702) 647-4111.



**Reno:** 1050 Matley Lane, Reno,  
NV 89502, (702) 789-0450.

## REHABILITATION

### Southern Nevada Sightless

1001 North Bruce Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
(702) 642-6000  
Catherine Law, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Clark County.

**Funded by:** Subcontracts, sale of  
products, individual and corporate  
contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs.  
8:30 AM-3:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1955.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired or  
blind.

**Area Served:** Las Vegas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Instruction in independent  
living skills; recreation; children's  
program; work activities program.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
workshop and adjustment  
training.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Nevada Ophthalmological Society

600 Whitney Ranch Road  
Henderson, NV 89014  
(702) 456-8389  
Rudy R. Manthei, M.D., President

### Nevada Optometric Association, Inc.

3311 South Rainbow Boulevard,  
Suite 132

Las Vegas, NV 89102  
(702) 220-7444  
Shanda Badger, Executive Director

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Low Vision Clinic Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind

628 Belrose Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89107  
(702) 486-5333  
Al Roybal, District Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Clark County.

**Funded by:** State and federal  
funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site  
training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By phone  
interview, visit to home, place of  
employment at 3 and 6 months.

## ♦ Aging Services

## STATE UNITS ON AGING

### Division for Aging Services Nevada Department of Human Resources

340 North 11th Street  
Suite 203  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
(702) 486-3545 or in-state, referral  
only (800) 243-3638  
Mary Liveratti, Acting  
Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

### Rehabilitation Division Nevada Department of Human Resources

505 East King Street  
Fifth Floor  
Carson City, NV 89710  
(702) 687-4440  
FAX: (702) 687-5980  
Elizabeth Breshears, Administrator  
Maynard Yasmer, Chief, Bureau of  
Services for the Blind  
Michael Becker, Project Director,  
(702) 687-4444

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### New Hampshire Department of Education

State Office Park South

101 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-6051

Robert T. Kennedy, Director,  
Educational Improvement  
Ruth Littlefield, Early Childhood  
Consultant

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Merrimack County.

**Mission:** Administers the federal quota system for providing visually handicapped children in local schools with materials from the American Printing House for the Blind. Provides information about local facilities.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### New Hampshire's Early Support and Services

##### Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services

##### New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

105 Pleasant Street

Hospital Administration Building

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-5144

FAX: (603) 271-5166

Pam Miller Sallet, Part H Early  
Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Merrimack County.

Early intervention programs for children aged 0-5.

### SCHOOLS

#### New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired

117 Pleasant Street

Dolloff Building

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 226-2900

FAX: (603) 226-2907

William Finn, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Special education project contracted by state to provide educational support services.

**Mission:** To provide educational support to local education agencies relative to low incidence populations.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Staff:** 13 staff provide consultation and materials support.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000 per year.

**Eligibility:** Determined by local education agency through special education placement and program process.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years of age.

**Educational:** Services provided to schools and homes. Staff consults on educational needs.

**Professional Training:** Agency provides in-service and staff training.

**Low Vision:** Information, evaluation, referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Multi-Sensory Intervention Through Consultation and Education (MICE)

Dolloff Building

117 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 226-2908

FAX: (603) 226-2907

Janet Halley, Contact Person

**Type of Agency:** Cooperative public-private agency.

**Mission:** To enhance quality services to families with infants who have sensory impairments, and provide technical assistance to community based agencies.

**Funded by:** State funds, federal funds; private donations; in-kind contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time; 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired children; deaf-blind children; with or without additional impairments, including those at risk.

**Area Served:** Entire state.

**Age Requirements:** 0-3 years.

**Health:** Provides direct visual and auditory training; consultative service; coordination with other involved agencies (health, early intervention, school districts, day care).

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas; parent training; community and home-based services using itinerant model for visually impaired children.

**Professional Training:** In-service training regarding the developmental needs of sensory impaired infants for community-based professionals.



**Reading:** Parent/professional library.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### New Hampshire Educational Services for the Sensory Impaired

117 Pleasant Street  
Dolloff Building  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 226-2900  
FAX: (603) 226-2907  
William Finn, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** Students ages 3-21 with sensory impairments.

**Types/Content:** Educational.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-print, electronic, audio visual.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### New Hampshire State Library Library Services to the Handicapped Division

117 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-3429 or (800) 491-3429  
E-mail: talking@lilac.nhsl.lib.nh.us  
URL: <http://www.state.nh.us>  
Eileen Keim, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Regional library for visually and physically impaired people.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 4.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 2,000.

**Area Served:** New Hampshire. Braille readers served by Braille

and Talking Book regional library in Massachusetts.

**Age Requirements:** Four years of age and older.

Regional library providing talking books, tapes, cassettes, and large type.

See also in national listings:

Chivers North America

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

78 Regional Drive  
Building #2  
Concord, NH 03301-8508  
(603) 271-3537  
FAX: (603) 271-3816  
Colleen Ives, Supervisor  
Paul Leather, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Merrimack County.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$1,084,439.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 15.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** New Hampshire.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral; psychological testing.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes. Reader service available.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home mechanics; home economics; communications; orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility program; postemployment programs.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Services available for a fee.

### Local Offices:

**Concord:** Blind Services, Two Industrial Park Drive, Concord, NH 02301, (603) 271-2327.

**Keene:** Blind Services, 25 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431, (603) 357-0266.

**Manchester:** Blind Services, 361 Lincoln Street, Manchester, NH 03103, (603) 669-8733.

**Nashua:** Blind Services, 547 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH 03060, (603) 889-6844.

**Portsmouth:** Blind Services, 30 Maplewood Avenue, Suite 201, Portsmouth, NH 03801, (603) 436-8884.

### REHABILITATION

#### Camp Allen, Inc.

56 Camp Allen Road  
Bedford, NH 03110-6606  
(603) 622-8471  
FAX: (603) 626-4295  
Lori Stuntfol, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hillsboro County.

**Funded by:** Maintained jointly by the Kiwanis Club of Boston and the Lions Club of Manchester, New Hampshire.

**History/Date:** Est. 1932.

Camp provides residential summer program for people with

developmental and/or physical disabilities.

### **New Hampshire Association for the Blind**

25 Walker Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 224-4039 or toll-free in New Hampshire (800) 464-3075  
FAX: (603) 224-4378  
E-mail: gtnhab@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.peekaboo.net/nhab>  
George F. Theriault, President  
John Ferraro, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provision of basic rehabilitation/independent living services, for all ages of blind and visually impaired persons statewide.

**Funded by:** Contributions, capital income, sales contracts for service; client fee (sliding scale).

**Budget:** \$800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 15 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1912.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800-1,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** State resident with severe visual impairment.

**Area Served:** New Hampshire.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social work evaluations; limited individual, counseling. Refers to and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Conducts extensive statewide public education program; speakers bureau; slides; films; displays; literature.

**Professional Training:** Provides consultation and training programs for staff and personnel of other organizations/agencies/institutions serving populations that include visually impaired persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation teaching programs. Provides instruction for independent, safe travel; personal and home management; communication skills in the home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services as appropriate.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; low vision eye exams.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aid prescriptions; optical aids loan and training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

78 Regional Drive  
Building 2  
Concord, NH 03301-8508  
(603) 271-3537  
FAX: (603) 271-3816  
Colleen Ives, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Merrimack County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## **♦ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **New Hampshire Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons**

Department of Ophthalmology  
Lahey-Hitchcock Clinic  
Lebanon, NH 03756  
(603) 650-5123  
Dr. Rosalind A. Stevens, Section Chief

**County/District Where Located:** Grafton County.

#### **New Hampshire Optometric Association, Inc.**

195 Hanover Street  
Portsmouth, NH 03801  
(603) 436-3717  
Brian Klinger, O.D.

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **New Hampshire Association for the Blind Low Vision Program**

25 Walker Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 224-4039 or toll-free in New Hampshire (800) 464-3075  
FAX: (603) 224-4378  
E-mail: gtnhab@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.peekaboo.net/nhab>  
George Theriault, President  
Rene P. Paguin, Supervisor  
John Ferraro, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Assists low vision persons to maximize use of remaining vision through prescription of optical aids and training in their use.

**Funded by:** Grants; purchase of service from third party funders; clients' fees; donations.



**Budget:** \$850,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrists; rehabilitation teacher; orientation / mobility instructor; low / vision trainers, social worker.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 900 annually.

**Eligibility:** Current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** New Hampshire.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social work intake; information referral services; limited counseling.

**Rehabilitation:** Low vision; orientation / mobility / rehabilitation teaching; short-term social work counseling.

**Low Vision:** Ophthalmological consultations; eye examinations; training; and instruction.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptions; loans and training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment, phone interview or on-site at home, school or place of employment.

Mobile clinic scheduled at central locations statewide.

Concord, NH 03301-3843

(603) 271-4680 or Information & Referral In State (800) 351-1888

FAX: (603) 271-4643

Richard Crocker, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation**

**New Hampshire Department of Education**

78 Regional Drive

Concord, NH 03301

(603) 271-3471 or (800) 299-1647

Paul Leather, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Elderly and Adult Services**

**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**

115 Pleasant Street

State Office Park South, Annex  
Building #1

# NEW JERSEY

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Office of Special Education Programs

#### New Jersey Department of Education

CN 500

Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

(609) 984-8422

Barbara Gantwerk, Director

**Type of Agency:** A division of the New Jersey Department of Education.

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** New Jersey.

For information about local facilities, consult the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Office of Special Education Programs

#### New Jersey Department of Education

CN 500

Trenton, NJ 08625

(609) 633-6833

FAX: (609) 292-5558

E-mail: njse@ix.netcom.com

URL: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/>

Barbara Gantwerk, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

A free public awareness and referral service to assist parents,

professionals, and the general public by identifying free available early intervention, preschool, or special education programs and services throughout New Jersey (Project Child Find, (800) 322-8174); and an initiative to provide technical assistance to parents and professionals regarding the education of children experiencing hearing and vision difficulties (NJ TAP, (609) 292-5894).

### SCHOOLS

#### Matheny School and Hospital

Main Street

Peapack, NJ 07977

(908) 234-0011

FAX: (908) 719-2137

Robert Schonhorn, President

Doreen Glut, Admissions

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit agency.

**County/District Where Located:** Somerset County.

**Mission:** Services for physically disabled persons with additional learning, perceptual, and behavioral difficulties; persons who are learning disabled or mentally retarded; clients with cerebral palsy.

**Staff:** 296 full time.

**Eligibility:** Cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy or spina bifida.

**Age Requirements:** 5 to 25 years of age.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation. Refers for social evaluation.

**Educational:** Grades K through 6 and non-graded; general academic

study; life skills; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy; music therapy.

#### Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training program.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; handwriting; typing.

**Recreational:** Recreational therapy.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

#### St. Joseph's School for the Blind

253 Baldwin Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

(201) 653-0578

FAX: (201) 653-4087

Herbert Miller, Administrator

Gerald Kitzhoffer, Assistant Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private, Catholic nondenominational, nonsectarian, nonprofit.

**Mission:** Services for blind, visually impaired, multiply disabled, or deaf-blind infants, children, and adults.

**Funded by:** Public donations, public funds, endowments, and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** School: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. School residence: Mon. - Thurs. 2:30 PM - 8:00 AM. Community residence: Sun. - Sat. 24 hours.

**Staff:** 95 full-time, 15 part-time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1891.

**Number of Clients Served:** 85.

**Eligibility:** Blindness plus other disabilities.



**Area Served:** New Jersey, especially the Northern New Jersey metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - 40 years.

**Health:** Physical therapy; speech therapy; occupational therapy; nursing; consulting physicians; music therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Nongraded. Infant, preschool, school-age, young adult, educational programs; activities of daily living, vocational training, and special summer programs.

**Preschools:** Early Intervention Program.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in special education, social work, speech, and language therapy. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; computer reading; prebraille.

**Residential:** Dormitory for multiply disabled children. Five-day students return home on weekends. Community residence for adults 7 days a week.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; independent living.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; swimming; community integration.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development; prevocational training. Vocational training.

**Computer Training:** Training on computers.

**Low Vision:** Consultants on an individual basis.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### George Meyer Instructional Resource Center

375 McCarter Highway  
Newark, NJ 07114  
(201) 648-2547

FAX: (201) 824-8926  
Donald H. Potenski, Manager

**Area Served:** Primarily New Jersey; informational services to other states.

**Groups Served:** New Jersey Commission for the Blind clients. (aged birth-21).

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large print, braille.

**Title Listings:** Available through APH (at the American Printing House for the Blind).

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, CN501  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0501  
(609) 292-6450 or toll-free in New Jersey (800) 792-8322 or TDD (609) 633-7250

Vianne Connor, Librarian  
Christine Lisiecki, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** Library.

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

**Mission:** To provide reading materials on tape, large print and disk.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$1.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. and Sat. (except July and August) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Number of Clients Served:** 11,000.

**Eligibility:** New Jersey residents who are unable to use print as a result of a physical or visual impairment.

**Area Served:** New Jersey.

**Age Requirements:** 5 years and older.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, cassettes, large-print books, magazines, closed-circuit radio reading service, and video cassettes with descriptive narrative.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Madison-Chatham Braille Association

Box 541  
Chatham, NJ 07928  
(201) 377-4683

Helen Henshaw, President

**County/District Where Located:** Morris County.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; including mathematics; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

20 Roszel Road

Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 452-0606  
FAX: (609) 987-8116  
E-mail: info@rfgd.org  
URL: <http://www.rfgd.org>  
Ritchie L. Geisel, President and CEO

**Groups Served:** Individuals with visual impairments, learning disabilities, or other disabilities that prevent them from reading standard print.

**Title Listings:** Catalog of titles available.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

36-A Hibben Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 921-6534  
FAX: (609) 921-3916  
Anne Young, Studio Director

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### **TFB Publications**

238 75th Street  
North Bergen, NJ 07047  
(201) 662-0956

**County/District Where Located:** Hudson County.

**Types/Content:** Text materials other than music, including computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print, and tape.

## **RADIO READING**

### **Audiovision**

### **New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped**

2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, CN 501

Trenton, NJ 08625  
(609) 530-3260  
FAX: (609) 530-6384  
Christine Lisiecki, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM; Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM; on air Mon.-Sun 1PM-12 midnight.

**Staff:** 2 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Area Served:** 40-45 mile radius from Trenton and 40-45 mile radius from Waterford Works, NJ.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **Electronic Information and Education Service**

59 Scotland Road  
P.O. Box 411  
South Orange, NJ 07079  
(201) 762-0552  
John F. Mulvihill, General Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Essex County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 9:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** Nine counties in north New Jersey.

## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

### **New Jersey Affiliate**

P.O. Box 449  
Princeton, NJ 08542-0449  
(609) 924-8034  
FAX: (609) 921-7697  
Llura Gund, President

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

### **Northern New Jersey Affiliate**

P.O. Box 38  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
(201) 994-1532  
Edward Gollob, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **New Jersey College Resource Center for Adaptive Aids**

CN 501  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
(609) 530-3259  
Christine Lisiecki, Director  
John Noecker, Technical Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit resource center.

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

**Funded by:** New Jersey State Commission on Higher Education.

**Area Served:** New Jersey colleges and universities.

Loans technical and nontechnical adaptive aids to New Jersey colleges and universities for use by students who are blind or visually impaired, learning disabled and deaf or hard of hearing. Provides resource information and basic technical assistance to New Jersey colleges. Conducts annual workshop.

### **Prevent Blindness New Jersey**

2525 Route 130, Building D  
Cranbury, NJ 08512  
(609) 409-0770  
FAX: (609) 409-0755  
E-mail: 104706.1113@compuserve.com  
Margo L. Asay, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.



See also in national listings:

Audio Optics, Inc.

Council of Schools for the Blind

G.K. Hall and Company  
Simon and Schuster

Isis Large Print Books  
Transaction Publishers

New Eyes for the Needy

Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic

Simon & Schuster Publishing

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

153 Halsey Street  
P.O. Box 47017  
Newark, NJ 07101  
(201) 648-2324 or (201) 648-2325  
FAX: (201) 648-7364  
Jamie Casabianca Hilton,  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** State government agency providing various services to blind and visually impaired residents of New Jersey.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program.

**Funded by:** State and federal monies.

**Budget:** \$18,734,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 274 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1910.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995: 10,200 rehabilitation clients; 29,000 persons receiving eye exams.

**Eligibility:** 20/40 visual acuity or field restriction to 20 degrees or less.

**Area Served:** New Jersey.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Eye health nursing; diabetic retinopathy detection; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening follow-up; vision screening of children of migratory workers and other at-risk populations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Contracts with a community organization to set up self-help groups all over the state. On-staff social workers and counselors.

**Educational:** Itinerant services to visually impaired children, ages birth to 21; institutional and day training center technical assistance; deaf-blind program; summer programs; residential/special placement programs.

**Reading:** Textbook and materials center; technical aids center.

**Residential:** Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home instruction programs, vocational and independent living skills.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; rehabilitation center; vending facility program; college unit; deaf-blind services; vocational training and job placement; follow-up services.

**Computer Training:** Technology center.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### Statewide Services:

**New Brunswick:** Joseph Kohn Residential Rehabilitation Center, 130 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (908) 937-6363, Ron Parent, Manager.

**Trenton:** Business Enterprise Program, 222 South Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 777-2083, John Klein, Manager.

### Regional Offices:

**Camden:** Southern Regional Office, 101 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103, (609) 757-2815, Donald Potenski, Manager.

**Egg Harbor:** Township Office, 6712 Washington Avenue, Egg Harbor, NJ 08232, (609) 645-6740.

**Paterson:** Northern Regional Office, 100 Hamilton Plaza, Paterson, NJ 07505, (201) 977-4200, John Reiff, Manager. 973

**Toms River:** Central Regional Office, 1510 Hooper Avenue, Suite 2400, Toms River, NJ 08753, (908) 255-0723, Edward Gorczyca, Manager.

### REHABILITATION

#### Bestwork Industries for the Blind

209 Highland Avenue  
Westmont, NJ 08108  
(609) 854-3388  
FAX: (609) 854-3565  
Belinda S. Moore, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Camden County.

**Employment:** Provides workshop employment services.

#### Catholic Community Services

494 Broad Street  
Newark, NJ 07102  
(201) 242-1999  
FAX: (201) 242-3789  
George Piegaro, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Essex County.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home mechanics; home economics; communications; clerical training.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training and placement; contract workshop.

**Computer Training:** Medical secretary course.

### **Family and Social Service Federation**

44 Armory Street  
Englewood, NJ 07631  
(201) 568-0817  
FAX: (201) 568-0913  
Mitchell Schonfeld, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Bergen County.

**Funded by:** United Way, Title XX, private donations.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 20 part time. Uses volunteers.

**Eligibility:** Mentally alert, visually impaired.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette player; talking book records and tapes; recorded magazines; information and referral; closed circuit television; machine which magnifies and then projects onto TV screen.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming; dancing. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other recreational/leisure services.

### **New Jersey Foundation for the Blind**

230 Diamond Spring Road  
P.O. Box 929  
Denville, NJ 07834  
(201) 627-0055  
FAX: (201) 627-1622  
John Gromann, President  
Terry Fioretto, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Morris County.

**Mission:** Training center for independent living skills.

**Funded by:** Private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days, 24 hours.

**History/Date:** Est. 1942.

**Eligibility:** Legally or totally blind. Must be ambulatory.

**Area Served:** New Jersey.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referral services.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts.

### **St. Joseph's Home for the Blind**

537 Pavonia Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
(201) 653-8300  
Sister Teresa Catherine, CSJP, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Nursing home.

**Mission:** Services for aged and infirm blind and sighted persons.

**Funded by:** Medicaid and private fees.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible to wheelchair users.

**History/Date:** Est. 1899.

**Number of Clients Served:** 129 residents.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 65 years and older.

**Health:** Physical therapy, occupational therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Services available.

**Residential:** Nursing home.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility.

## **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

### **National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering**

P.O. Box T  
Hewitt, NJ 07421  
(201) 853-6585 or toll-free  
(800) 736-2216  
E-mail: dons@warwick.net  
Donald Selwyn, Contact Person

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors; on-site hardware, software and training services.

Closed-circuit TV reading systems: desktop and portable, black and white and color; integrated CCTV and computer systems with scanners and text (character) recognition; computer and technology aids training given on-site, in clients' homes, in schools and places of employment.



**Technical Aids Center  
New Jersey Commission for the  
Blind and Visually Impaired**

153 Halsey Street  
P.O. Box 47017  
Newark, NJ 07101  
(201) 648-3330  
FAX: (201) 648-7364  
Joseph Tomasko, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Essex County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; evaluation and installation offered as well.

## DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

**Seeing Eye, Inc.**

Washington Valley Road  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(201) 539-4425  
Judy Deuschle, Director of Student Services

**Mission:** Trains dog guides and instructs blind persons in their use.

**Funded by:** Endowment, bequests, trusts and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM -5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1929.

**Area Served:** United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Educational:** Has public education program, including films and speakers by special request.

Provides follow-up services for graduates.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**New Jersey Academy of  
Ophthalmology**

15 Brant Avenue  
Unit #1  
Clark, NJ 07066  
(908) 388-7130  
FAX: (908) 388-7138  
Reni Erbos, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Union County.

**New Jersey Optometric  
Association**

652 Whitehead Road  
Trenton, NJ 08648  
(609) 695-3456  
David Grimm, Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**Camden Optometric Center**

612 Benson Street  
Camden, NJ 08103  
(609) 365-1811  
FAX: (609) 964-9054  
Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, Director  
MaryAnn Ragone, Assistant Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Camden County.

**Mission:** Eye care services for poor, low income, uninsured patients.

**Funded by:** United Way; Lions Clubs; county funds.

**Budget:** \$280,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Daily.

**Program Accessibility:** Three outreach facilities, mobil vision clinic.

**Staff:** Low vision assistants; ophthalmologist; optometrist; optometry students; optometry residents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000 to 6,000 yearly.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Camden County and South Jersey.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Assessments and rehabilitation available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

Call for information on local offices.

**Eye Institute of New Jersey  
University of Medicine and  
Dentistry**

Doctors Office Center  
90 Bergen Street, Suite 6174  
Newark, NJ 07103-2469  
(201) 982-2054  
FAX: (201) 982-2069  
Mark Kirstein, O.D., Director  
Maria Costa, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Essex County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Tuesdays.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; ophthalmology residents; optician; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** None, but referral report requested.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** None.

**The Gerald E. Fonda, M.D., Low  
Vision Center of Saint Barnabas**  
101 Old Short Hills Road  
Suite 102B

West Orange, NJ 07052  
 (201) 325-6720 or (201) 325-6721  
 FAX: (201) 325-6522  
 Marilyn Osman, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Clinical services, teaching, and research.

**Funded by:** Client fees and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Thurs.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision assistant.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups and yearly seminar, "Coping with Macular Degeneration."

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee. Aids also available for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 1-3 months.

Newark, NJ 07101  
 (201) 648-2324  
 FAX: (201) 648-7364  
 Judith Liebman, Project Director,  
 (201) 648-4799

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Division on Aging  
 New Jersey Department of  
 Community Affairs**

CN807

South Broad and Front Streets

Trenton, NJ 08625-0807

(609) 292-3766 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 792-8820

FAX: (609) 633-6609

Ruth Reader, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**New Jersey Commission for the  
 Blind and Visually Impaired**

153 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor

P.O. Box 47017



# NEW MEXICO

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### New Mexico State Department of Education

##### Special Education Office

300 Don Gaspar Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786  
(505) 827-6541

FAX: (505) 827-6791

Diego D. Gallegos, State Director of Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide equal educational opportunities for all students; to guarantee that students reach their full potential by mastering learning skills and knowledge and by acquiring desirable personal qualities and values.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 21 special education staff members.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 35,000 children with disabilities.

**Eligibility:** In need of special education services as specified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, New Mexico state statutes, and New Mexico Standards for Excellence.

**Area Served:** New Mexico.

**Educational:** Special education services are provided by local education agencies and assured by the New Mexico State Department of Education.

For information about local facilities, consult the local superintendent of schools.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Developmental Disabilities Division

##### New Mexico Department of Health

1190 St. Francis Drive  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110  
(505) 827-2575

FAX: (505) 827-2455

Marilyn Price, Early Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Santa Fe County.

### SCHOOLS

#### New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard  
Alamogordo, NM 88310  
(505) 437-3505

FAX: (505) 439-4411

Kirk Walter, Superintendent  
Diane Baker, Principal

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Otero County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired students, including those with multiple disabilities.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$7.7 million.

**Staff:** 148 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1903.

**Eligibility:** State resident, blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** New Mexico.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling / social work services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for play / nursery school; college prep; general academic; vocational / skill development. Compensatory skill, technology and transition planning.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training program, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking books record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille; translation into Spanish; tape recording services; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; home management; orientation / mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; skiing; gymnastics. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training in the use of prescribed devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Special Education Office, New Mexico State Department of Education, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786, (505) 827-6541.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped Preschool

230 Truman, N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
(505) 268-9506 or (800) 437-3505  
FAX: (505) 265-4866  
Patrika Griego, Site Facilitator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Bernalillo County.

**Mission:** To meet the educational needs of visually impaired infant and preschool students who are residents of the state.

**Funded by:** State.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Completely accessible.

**Staff:** 12.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Albuquerque and surrounding areas.

**Age Requirements:** 0-6 years.

**Health:** Functional vision evaluations and adaptive equipment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides social evaluation; psychological testing/evaluation; counseling; parent counseling

through public school system via a joint powers agreement.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas. Consultant services to other programs.

**Preschools:** Center-based programs: parent, infant, and toddler program (birth through age 3); preschool program (age 3 through 6); home-based program for medically fragile children.

**Reading:** Talking book records/tapes; braille books; large-print books; magazines in braille/recorded format.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision evaluations.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard  
Alamogordo, NM 88310  
(505) 437-3505  
FAX: (505) 439-4411  
Eileen Kuhre, Director of Outreach Services

**Funded by:** New Mexico School for the Visually Impaired.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21.

**Assessment:** Functional vision assessments, orientation and mobility evaluation, assistive technology assessment.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Provides information and support to parents, teachers, therapists, and administrators.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent counseling.

**Materials Production:** Braille and recorded books.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard  
Alamogordo, NM 88310  
(505) 437-3505, ext. 193  
FAX: (505) 439-4411  
E-mail: snekuhre@arriba.nm.org  
Eileen Kuhre, Director, Outreach/Media Services.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, professional.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### New Mexico State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

325 Don Gaspar Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 827-3830 or toll-free in New Mexico (800) 456-5515  
FAX: (505) 827-3888  
John Brewster, Manager

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Area Served:** New Mexico.

Distributes talking books and play-back machines to blind and physically handicapped patrons in New Mexico.

### PHONE-IN NEWSPAPERS

#### Newsline for the Blind

New Mexico Commission for the Blind  
2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.



Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 841-8844  
Nancy J. Hendrickson, Contact Person  
Michael J. Santullo, Director

**Newspapers Read:** *Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque Tribune, University of New Mexico Lobo, Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine, New Mexico Magazine, NM Business Journal, Santa Fean, Los Alamos Monitor (daily).*

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **New Mexico Commission for the Blind**

PERA Building, Room 553  
Santa Fe, NM 87503  
(505) 827-4479  
FAX: (505) 827-4475  
Gary Haug, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and older blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 52 full time, 2 part time.  
Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment or deteriorating eye condition.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Health:** Occupational therapy. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group,

family/parent, couple counseling. Contracts, refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded, or orthopedically disabled persons. Programs for college prep; vocational/skill development.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; low vision; orientation/mobility; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

**Residential:** Dormitory for adults; elderly persons; multiply disabled persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; video magnifier; Optacon; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling; swimming. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training and placement.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service/clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescription of spectacles and low vision aids and devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescriptions.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Alamogordo:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 408 North White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310, (505) 437-8008, FAX (505) 434-3713.

**Alamogordo:** Rehabilitation-Orientation Center for the Blind, 408 North White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310, (505) 437-0401, FAX (505) 434-3713.

**Albuquerque:** New Mexico Industries for the Blind, 2200 Yale Boulevard S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 841-8844, FAX (505) 841-8850.

**Albuquerque:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 841-8844, FAX (505) 841-8854.

**Albuquerque:** Newsline for the Blind, 2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 841-8844, FAX (505) 841-8850.

**Farmington:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 800 East 30th Street, Suite E, Farmington, NM 87401, (505) 327-7789.

**Las Cruces:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 301 South Church, Suite C, Dona Ana Savings Office Plaza, Las Cruces, NM 88001, (505) 524-6450, FAX (505) 524-6455.

**Las Vegas:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 700 Friedman Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701, (505) 425-3546, FAX (505) 454-6120.

**Roswell:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 400 North Pennsylvania, Suite 1080, Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 624-6140, FAX (505) 624-6142.

**Santa Fe:** Field Office, Commission for the Blind, 1313 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87503, (505) 827-3768, FAX (505) 827-3759.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped

1900 North White Sands Boulevard  
Alamogordo, NM 88310  
(505) 437-3505  
FAX: (505) 437-7851  
Retha Coburn, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Otero County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### New Mexico Ophthalmological Society

1100 Lead S.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 842-1844  
FAX: (505) 768-1360  
Richard A. Gray, MD, President

#### New Mexico Optometric Association, Inc.

10131 Coors Road, NW, #227  
Albuquerque, NM 87114  
(505) 898-6885  
Richard Montoya, President

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### New Mexico Commission for the Blind

**Low Vision Clinic**  
2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.

Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 841-8844  
FAX: (505) 841-8850  
Adelmo Vigil, Deputy Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Bernalillo County.

**Funded by:** State.

**Hours of Operation:** 40 hours per week.

**Staff:** 3.

**Number of Clients Served:** 39 weekly.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; ophthalmologist's report.

**Area Served:** New Mexico.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help group.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site or at home training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ♦ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### State Agency on Aging

228 East Palace Avenue  
La Villa Rivera Building,  
Fourth Floor  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
(505) 827-7640 or Information & Referral In State (800) 432-2080  
FAX: (505) 827-7649  
Michelle Lujan Grishan, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### New Mexico Commission for the Blind

PERA Building, Room 553  
Santa Fe, NM 87503  
(505) 827-4479  
FAX: (505) 827-4475  
Gary Haug, Director



# NEW YORK

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### New York State Education Department Office for Special Education Services

One Commerce Plaza  
Room 1624  
Albany, NY 12234  
(518) 486-9592  
FAX: (518) 473-5387  
Thomas B. Nevelndine, Executive Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides in-service training for teachers of visually impaired children in local schools. Provides consultation on educational services for school-age legally blind and severely visually impaired students. Processes state appointments for legally blind children to the state-operated and state-supported schools for the blind. Administers the federal subsidy American Printing House for the Blind quota program for the purchase of reading material and educational aids for legally blind students in primary and secondary schools in New York State.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Eligibility:** Blind and visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** New York State.

**Age Requirements:** Birth - 21 years.

**Educational:** Y.

**Preschools:** Consulting services available.

Contact regional Board of Cooperative Educational Services or local school superintendent for program availability.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention Program New York Department of Health

Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower, Room 208  
Albany, NY 12237-0618  
(518) 473-7016  
FAX: (518) 473-8673  
E-mail: dmn02@health.state.ny.us  
Donna Noyes, Director

### SCHOOLS

#### Lavelle School for the Blind

3830 Paulding Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10469  
(718) 882-1212  
FAX: (718) 882-0005  
Sister Louis Marie Baxter, O.P., Superintendent  
Maria Galloway, Intake Coordinator  
Sister Angelus Healy, O.P., Intake Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide an integrated education program for children with blindness and multiple handicaps who often need to interact socially and environmentally to facilitate learning.

**Funded by:** Private donations; and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 70 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1904.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100.

**Eligibility:** Blind/visually impaired with multiple disabilities; ambulatory.

**Area Served:** The five boroughs of New York City, Nassau County and lower Westchester County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3 - 21 years.

**Health:** Full-time registered nurse. Contracted medical professionals to assess and monitor medical needs and concerns.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Career counseling; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling; referral to community services.

**Educational:** New York State curriculum with adaptations to meet children's individual education programs; orientation/mobility; self-help; use of special equipment; auditory training; visual training; occupational education; daily living skills.

**Preschools:** Classroom for visually impaired, multiply disabled children.

**Professional Training:** Inservice and ongoing workshops.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines on disk.

**Rehabilitation:** Training in orientation and mobility; daily living skills; occupational education; use of adaptive equipment; speech therapy.

**Employment:** Experience-based career education.

**Low Vision:** Clinic with 2 low vision specialists.

**Low Vision Aids:** As prescribed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** On-staff optometrists.

#### New York Institute for Special Education

999 Pelham Parkway

Bronx, NY 10469  
 (718) 519-7000  
 FAX: (718) 231-9314  
 E-mail: nyise@ao.com  
 URL: <http://www.nyise.org>  
 Robert L. Guarino, Ph.D.,  
 Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Educational.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
 Bronx County, District 11.

**Funded by:** Public funds,  
 endowment and contributions.

**Budget:** 1996: \$18,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM -  
 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 250 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1831 as the  
 New York Institute for the  
 Education of the Blind.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:  
 300.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind,  
 emotionally disturbed and  
 learning disabled students, and  
 developmentally delayed  
 preschoolers.

**Area Served:** New York State.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3 - 5 years:  
 developmentally delayed program;  
 5 - 21 years: visually impaired  
 program; 5 - 13 years: learning  
 disabled program.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation  
 of eye, ear conditions; speech  
 therapy; adaptive program;  
 occupational and physical  
 therapies.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
 Help:** Psychological testing and  
 evaluation; casework.

**Educational:** K through 12th  
 grade. Music and art education  
 and therapies.

**Professional Training:** Serves as  
 pre-service training site for many  
 universities and colleges.

**Residential:** 5 days a week.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
 management; orientation/

mobility; communications; skills  
 including adaptive technology.

**Recreational:** Evening program  
 for residential students; summer  
 day camp for visually impaired  
 children.

**Employment:** Evaluation,  
 prevocational and vocational  
 training.

**Computer Training:** Access;  
 training on computer aids and  
 devices.

### **New York State School for the Blind**

Richmond Avenue  
 Batavia, NY 14020  
 (716) 343-5384  
 FAX: (716) 344-5557  
 Robert Seibold, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Genessee County.

**Mission:** Services for deaf-blind,  
 multiply handicapped blind.

**Staff:** 150 full time, 20 part time.  
 Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1868.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Age Requirements:** 5 to 21 years.

**Health:** General medical services;  
 physical, speech, occupational  
 therapies. Contracts and refers for  
 other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
 Help:** Social evaluation;  
 psychological testing and  
 evaluation; individual, group  
 counseling. Refers and provides  
 consultation to other agencies for  
 other counseling/social work  
 services.

**Educational:** Individualized  
 educational programs designed to  
 meet students' needs at varying  
 developmental levels. Includes  
 prevocational/skill training;  
 activities of daily living; leisure  
 time activities; orientation/  
 mobility; academics.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in  
 all program areas. Regular in-  
 service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book record  
 player and cassette player; talking  
 book records and cassettes; braille  
 books; large print books; braille  
 magazines; recorded magazines;  
 information and referral; special  
 collection; transcription to braille;  
 tape recording services on  
 demand; Optacon and closed  
 circuit television.

**Residential:** Program will  
 accommodate those students  
 whose educational needs require  
 year-round, 7-day residential  
 status. Day programs and 5-day  
 residential capacity.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
 management; braille; gesticulation;  
 handwriting; listening skills;  
 Optacon; typing; video magnifier;  
 home management; orientation/  
 mobility; special education;  
 sensory training.

**Recreational:** Recreational  
 therapists develop individual/  
 group activities including  
 afterschool programs; bowling;  
 swimming; track; wrestling.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service;  
 low vision aids and devices.

## **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

### **Child Development Center The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street  
 New York, NY 10022  
 (212) 821-9600  
 FAX: (212) 821-9656  
 Frank Simpson, Vice President for  
 Program Development  
 Catherine Kerins Wheeler,  
 Director, Early Childhood  
 Programs

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
 profit.

**Mission:** To enable the acquisition  
 of skills for functioning as



independently and interdependently as possible in school, at home and in the community. Integration of adaptive skills and adaptive equipment in everyday living and learning situations.

**Funded by:** Tuition; reimbursement from government agencies; private donations; fees for non-disabled students.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Specialists in early childhood education, special education, and education of students with visual impairments; staff in social work, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy; other specialists are available to provide services in additional areas.

**Number of Clients Served:** FY '96: 104.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-6 years.

**Health:** Services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and family counseling; case management.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams, devices, and instruction available on premises.

Center-based programs and models (parent-infant training, early intervention, preschool, school-age program and an integrated classroom) for children with visual impairment and, often, other disabilities. Preschool children without disabilities are enrolled in the integrated classroom. A variety of specialists provide services. Programs are also located at The Lighthouse Inc., 65-05 Woodhaven Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY 11373, (718) 899-9100.

### **Helen Keller Services for the Blind**

57 Willoughby Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-2122  
FAX: (718) 935-9463  
URL: <http://www.helenkeller.com>  
Fred W. McPhilliamy, President  
John P. Lynch, Director  
Garth White, Principal

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

**Funded by:** Income from capital funds; United Way, state, federal, and local government contracts and fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible.

**Staff:** 1 full-time principal; 4 full-time teachers; 6 full-time teaching assistants; 1 full-time social worker, part-time physical therapist, psychologist, physician, occupational therapist, and speech therapist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950; founded 1892.

**Number of Clients Served:** 37.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired children; legally blind.

**Area Served:** Kings and Queens Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and family counseling.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas, home- and center-based with services for

visually impaired multiply disabled infants, 0-5 years. Consultant services to other programs for children, 0-5 years, within itinerant model.

**Preschools:** Assists with placement in appropriate nursery schools, specialized programs, or public schools.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams.

### **Local Offices:**

**Hempstead:** Nassau Service Center, One Helen Keller Way, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, Joanne Berger, Supervisor, Children's Services.

**Huntington:** Suffolk Service Center, Huntington, NY 11743, (516) 424-0022, Debbie Storace, Social Worker, Children's Services.

### **Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)**

15 West 65th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 769-6200  
FAX: (212) 769-6266  
Alan R. Morse, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Ellen Trief, Ed.D., Director of Early Intervention Program

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To simulate and enhance timely achievement of developmental milestones in early childhood; to help visually impaired children attain age-appropriate competencies and skills and become integrated into a preschool program; to lay the foundation for positive future educational experiences for visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Private donations and other sources.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Evening hours by appointment only.

**Program Accessibility:**

Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Specialists in child development as well as social work and psychology.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60 infants and children.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan New York area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-2 years.

**Health:** Low vision exams; immunizations and blood tests available on a consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; orientation/mobility; bilingual. Community-based program for visually impaired multiply disabled infants. Preschool program for children ages 3 to 5.

**Preschools:** Preschool program for visually impaired children ages 3 to 5. Early Intervention Program for infants to age 3.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services on premises.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Staff provides instruction in areas of vision rehabilitation, sensory simulation, motor development, speech, music and art therapy, as well as physical and occupational therapy and socialization.

**Lavelle School for the Blind**

3830 Paulding Avenue

Bronx, NY 10469

(718) 882-1212

FAX: (718) 882-0005

Sister Louis Marie Baxter, O.P., Superintendent

Sister Angelus Healy, O.P., Principal

Maria Galloway, Intake Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide an integrated program for children with blindness and multiple handicaps who often need to interact socially and environmentally to facilitate learning.

**Funded by:** P.L. 914-142 monies, private donations and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time including related service providers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1988.

**Number of Clients Served:** 12.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired (with or without disabilities); ambulatory.

**Area Served:** The five boroughs of New York City; Nassau County; and lower Westchester County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-5 years.

**Health:** Full-time registered nurse, also contracted medical professionals assess and monitor medical needs and concerns.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation, family/parent counseling, referral to community services as appropriate. General social skills and counseling are provided and integrated into the education programs.

**Educational:** The modified, academic/functional curriculum is tailored to meet the students' strengths and needs.

**Preschools:** Classrooms contain equipment adapted to meet the

needs of children who are blind/visually impaired and multiply-disabled.

**Reading:** Pre-readiness skills.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility; sensory training (low vision, hearing services are provided as appropriate), self-help skills (including daily living skills).

**Recreational:** Field trips, adaptive physical education, weekly Achilles Club activities and special events.

**Computer Training:** Kindergarten only.

**Low Vision:** Clinic with two low vision specialists.

**Low Vision Aids:** As prescribed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** On-staff optometrists.

**The Lighthouse Inc.****Hudson Valley**

44 Church Street

White Plains, NY 10601

(914) 761-3221

FAX: (914) 761-0484

Judith Millman, Vice President, Hudson Valley Region

Joanne Hallinan-Bases, Special Educator for Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** State, federal and local government contracts and fees; donations.

**Staff:** Teacher of early childhood/visually impaired; social worker; vision rehabilitation therapists; low vision clinician.

**Number of Clients Served:** 31.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family counseling, self-help information/support groups.

**Educational:** Early intervention service. Evaluations of vision, gross and fine motor skills, language and social development. Instruction in all developmental



areas for visually impaired/multiply disabled children; home or community-based individual sessions with children and parent/caregiver.

Consultation provided to center-based community programs, center-based agencies serving children with visual impairments. Low vision exams available with pediatric low vision specialist. Follow-up instruction in child's home or school.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### **Resource Center for the Visually Impaired New York State School for the Blind**

Richmond Avenue  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(716) 343-5384 or (716) 343-8100  
FAX: (716) 343-3711  
E-mail: nysrescntr@aol.com  
Emily Leyenberger, Ph.D.,  
Coordinator

**Funded by:** Title VI B  
discretionary funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Functional vision assessments provided when not available at local schools.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Provides information and support to parents, teachers, administrators, and others concerning educational need of visually impaired students.

**Parent Assistance:** Library of resources for parents and professionals; facilitates communication and collaboration among parents and schools.

**Professional Training:** Specialized training and workshops according to need for teachers, aides, school nurses,

about the implications of visual impairments.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### **Resource Center for the Visually Impaired New York State School for the Blind**

Richmond Avenue  
Batavia, NY 14020  
(716) 343-8100  
FAX: (716) 343-3711  
E-mail: nysrescntr@aol.com  
Emily Leyenberger, Ph.D.,  
Coordinator

**Area Served:** New York State.

**Groups Served:** 0-21 years of age.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, professional topics.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books, regular-print professional books, pamphlets.

**Title Listings:** Provides lists, at no charge, of assessments collection, curricula collection, large-print recreational reading, and Twin Vision books.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### **Dominican College**

10 Western Highway  
Orangeburg, NY 10962  
(914) 359-7800 or (914) 359-3577  
FAX: (914) 359-2313  
Dr. Rona Shaw, Visually  
Handicapped Teaching

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate programs for teachers of visually impaired.

#### **D'Youville College Division of Education**

320 Porter Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14201

(716) 881-7629

Dr. Sheila Dunn, Director,  
Education Department

**County/District Where Located:**  
Erie County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually impaired.

#### **Hunter College, City University of New York Department of Special Education**

695 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 772-4740  
FAX: (212) 650-3542  
E-mail: rsilberm@shiva.hunter.  
cuny.edu  
Dr. Rosanne K. Silberman

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of learners with blindness and visual impairments, severe/multiple impairments including deaf-blindness, rehabilitation teachers of individuals with blindness and visual impairments, and orientation and mobility instructors.

#### **New York University School of Education Rehabilitation Counseling Program**

35 West Fourth Street, Suite 1200  
Education Building  
New York, NY 10012  
(212) 998-5290  
FAX: (212) 995-4192  
Dr. Nancy Esibill, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Manhattan County.

**Programs Offered:** Master's and doctoral degrees in rehabilitation counseling.

**Teachers College, Columbia University**

**Department of Health and Behavioral Studies**

525 West 120th Street

Box 223

New York, NY 10027

(212) 678-3814 or (212) 678-3878

E-mail: vss5@columbia.edu

Virginia Stolarski, Coordinator

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of blind and visually impaired learners.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

**Andrew Heiskell Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

**New York Public Library**

40 West 20th Street

New York, NY 10011

(212) 206-5400 or (212) 206-5499

FAX: (212) 206-5418

Bonnie Birman, Regional Librarian

Regional library providing books and magazines in braille and on disk and cassette. Lends cassette players and special record players; provides reference, information, and referral services.

**M.C. Migel Memorial Library/Information Center**

**American Foundation for the Blind**

11 Penn Plaza

Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7660 or TDD (212) 502-

7662 or (800) 232-5463

FAX: (212) 502-7771

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org

URL: <http://www.afb.org>

Elga Joffe, Director

**Type of Agency:** Library and information center that houses one of the largest research collections of print materials related to all nonmedical aspects of blindness and low vision in the world.

**Mission:** Provides reference consultations and a wide range of information and referral services for the general public as well as for professionals in the blindness and low vision fields.

**Program Accessibility:**

Wheelchair accessible; a wide range of adaptive equipment available, including Reading Edge, CCTV, and TDD equipment. Bibliographies on a wide range of subjects available in audio, braille, and disk formats.

**Reading:** Volunteer reading and taping.

Includes the Helen Keller Archives, photo collections of historic interest, and a rare book collection.

**New York Public Library Project ACCESS**

**Mid-Manhattan Library**

455 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10016

(212) 340-0843 or TDD (212) 340-0931

**Type of Agency:** Largest resource library in the New York Public Library's branch system.

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Links patrons with visual, hearing, learning, and mobility impairments to the full range of the New York Public Library's materials and services.

**Hours of Operation:** All services by appointment so that individualized assistance may be provided.

**Program Accessibility:** Located on wheelchair-accessible second

floor. Special equipment for blind and visually impaired persons: magnifiers; braille writer and audio playback equipment; Kurzweil Personal Reader with English, Spanish, and French language capabilities; Jaws for Windows, Open Book software, Large Print DOS; closed circuit televisions.

Reference collection of disability-related directories; pamphlets; newsletters; and publishers' / vendors' catalogs.

**New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**

Cultural Education Center

Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY 12230

(518) 474-5935 or toll-free

(800) 342-3688

FAX: (518) 474-5786

Jane Somers, Director

**Type of Agency:** State regional library for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 21.

**History/Date:** Est. 1896.

**Number of Clients Served:** 37,000.

**Area Served:** New York State (excluding New York City and Long Island).

**Reading:** Braille and recorded formats. Closed-circuit magnification devices available.

Provides books and magazines in braille and recorded on disks and cassettes. Lends cassette players and special record players for use with its recorded material. Reference, information, and referral services provided.



### **Queens Borough Public Library Special Services**

89-11 Merrick Boulevard  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
(718) 990-0746 (voice) or TDD  
(718) 990-0809  
FAX: (718) 658-8312  
URL: <http://www.queens.lib.ny.us>  
Nancy Titolo, Assistant Manager  
Eileen Gellman, Community Assistant

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** Increases access to the materials and services of the Queens Borough Public Library for older adults and persons with disabilities.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** Borough of Queens.

**Low Vision Aids:** Closed-circuit televisions; magnifiers.

Special equipment includes Kurzweil Personal Reader, VTEK, Perkins braille, and telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD). Volunteer reading service provides recorded materials for visually impaired and learning disabled persons. Books in large print are available in all branch libraries. Mail-a-book service provides books in regular, large-print, and audio formats postage free to homebound users.

### **Ruth M. Shellens Library The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9680 or TDD (212) 821-9713  
FAX: (212) 821-9707  
Andrew Stevenson, Director,  
Information Resources

**Type of Agency:** Library that houses a collection of Talking

Books, commercial audio cassettes, large print books, and braille magazines and books, as well as collections in social work, education, psychology, sociology, and vision research.

**Mission:** Provides access to printed material for people who are blind or partially sighted.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible; adaptive equipment and information systems available, including an accessible computerized library catalog; Kurzweil Reading Edge machines, CCTVs, and TDD.

**Reading:** Volunteer reading and recording service.

### **Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation (SJK)**

2-12 West Park Avenue  
Long Beach, NY 11561  
(516) 889-5105  
FAX: (516) 889-5201  
Stephanie Joyce Kahn, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Nassau County.

**Area Served:** Long Island, NY.

Mobile audio library that distributes audio cassette recordings of books and magazines to homebound individuals, hospital patients, and nursing home residents.

### **Talking Books Nassau Library System**

900 Jerusalem Avenue  
Uniondale, NY 11553  
(516) 292-8920 or TDD (516) 579-8585  
FAX: (516) 481-4777  
Dorothy Puryear, Acting Librarian  
Subregional library.

### **Talking Books Plus Outreach Services**

Suffolk Cooperative Library System  
627 North Sunrise Service Road  
Bellport, NY 11713  
(516) 286-1600 or TDD (516) 286-4546  
FAX: (516) 286-1647  
Julie Klauber, Librarian  
Subregional library.

## **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

### **Braille Transcribers of Central New York, Inc.**

154 Homewood Drive  
Clinton, NY 13323  
(315) 853-2679  
Catharine Hugo, Director of Reader Services

**County/District Where Located:** Oneida County.

**Area Served:** Central New York given priority; nationwide requests accepted.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Not yet available.

### **Educational Vision Services New York City Public Schools, District 75**

22 East 28th Street  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 481-5660  
FAX: (212) 251-0602  
Dr. Laurence R. Gardner, Interim Acting Director

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Area Served:** New York City.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career / vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, large print books, newspapers, magazines, books on cassette.

**Helen Keller Services for the Blind/Braille Library**

One Helen Keller Way  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
(516) 485-1234  
FAX: (516) 538-6785  
Geraldyn Zuzze, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Nassau County.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille / large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Jewish Heritage for the Blind**

1655 East 24th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229  
(718) 338-4999  
Rabbi David H. Toiv, Director

**Nassau Community College Library**

11530 Steward Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530  
(516) 572-7883  
FAX: (516) 572-7503  
Arthur L. Friedman, Coordinator,  
"Round Pages" Program

**County/District Where Located:** Nassau County.

**Groups Served:** College students.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Talking books / cassettes.

**Onondaga Braillists**

P.O. Box 326

Syracuse, NY 13215  
(315) 475-6407

Jean Henderson, Director of  
Reading Services

**County/District Where Located:** Onondaga County.

**Area Served:** Canada and United States.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career / vocational, religious, general.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

545 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 204  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 557-5720  
FAX: (212) 557-5789  
E-mail: new\_york@rfbid.org  
Myra Shein, Studio Director

See Recording for the Blind and  
Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Sisterhood Braille Group of East Midwood Jewish Center**

1625 Ocean Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11230  
(718) 338-3800 or (914) 235-4972  
Sylvia Aig, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Kings County.

**Area Served:** New York City metropolitan area.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career / vocational, religious, foreign language.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Sisterhood of Temple Sinai**

425 Roslyn Road

Roslyn Heights, NY 11577  
(516) 621-6800

FAX: (516) 625-6020

Dr. Dorothy Axelroth, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Nassau County.

**Groups Served:** Jewish Braille Institute of America; other requests considered whenever possible.

**Types/Content:** Recreational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Talking books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica**

188th Street and Grand Central  
Parkway  
Holliswood, NY 11423  
(718) 776-4400  
FAX: (718) 740-8795  
Gertrude Steinberg, Braille  
Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Queens County.

**Groups Served:** Jewish Braille Institute.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Braille lists supplied at no charge.

**Spencerport Braille Association**

43 Wainswright Circle  
Rochester, NY 14626  
(716) 227-1639  
Beckie Cator, Work Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:** Monroe County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career / vocational, religious, mathematics.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, computers.



**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## RADIO READING

### IN TOUCH Networks

15 West 65th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 769-6270 or (800) 456-3166  
FAX: (212) 769-6266  
E-mail: bemass@aol.com  
Bruce Massis, General Manager

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Staff:** 4.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** New York metropolitan / tri-state area, closed circuit radio, cable service transmitted via satellite.

### Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 575  
Buffalo, NY 14225  
(716) 668-8888  
Robert Sikorski, President

**County/District Where Located:** Erie County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Area Served:** Western New York; Southern Ontario, Canada.

### Northeast Radio Reading Service

159 Margaret Street  
Suite 202  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
(518) 563-9058  
FAX: (518) 563-0292  
Andrew Pulrang, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Clinton County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

### Radio Vision-Ramapo Catskill Library System

619 North Street  
Middletown, NY 10940  
(914) 343-1131 or toll-free in New York State (800) 327-7343  
FAX: (914) 343-1205  
Dan Hulse, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Orange County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Connects with In Touch Networks (NYC) Mon.-Fri. 9:00 PM-9:00 AM and on Saturday and Sunday all day.

**Staff:** 1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, parts of Columbia, Green, Rockland Counties.

### RISE

c/o WMHT-FM  
P.O. Box 17  
Schenectady, NY 12301  
(518) 357-1700  
FAX: (518) 357-1709  
Joyce M. Bach, Administrative Supervisor  
Liz Hood, Radio Director

**County/District Where Located:** Rotterdam County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Staff:** 3.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** 13-county area surrounding Albany Capitol District of New York State.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### UPDATE

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System  
106 West Fifth Street  
P.O. Box 730

Jamestown, NY 14701-0730  
(716) 484-7135  
Helen K. Bolton, Outreach Librarian

**County/District Where Located:** Chautauqua County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1996.

**Area Served:** Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

### WCNY-READ-OUT Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 2400  
Syracuse, NY 13220-2400  
(315) 453-2424  
FAX: (315) 451-8824  
E-mail: marian\_carfagno@wcny.pbs.org  
URL: <http://www.wcny.org>  
Marian Carfagno, Reading Service Coordinator

**Hours of Operation:** 19 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Area Served:** Syracuse, Watertown, Utica, Ithaca and their environs.

### WXXI Reachout Radio

280 State Street  
Rochester, NY 14614  
(716) 325-7500 or (716) 258-0333  
FAX: (716) 258-0339  
E-mail: ruth\_phinney@wxxi.pbs.org  
URL: <http://www.wxxi.org>  
Ruth Phinney, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Monroe County.

**Funded by:** WXXI Public Broadcasting Council, Inc. and Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired - Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Inc.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Broadcast 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 2 full-time, 1 part-time, 4 irregular.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Eligibility:** Visually or physically print handicapped.

**Area Served:** Rochester and 10 surrounding counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463 or  
TDD (212) 502-7662  
FAX: (212) 502-7777  
E-mail: [afbinfo@afb.org](mailto:afbinfo@afb.org)  
URL: <http://www.afb.org>  
Carl R. Augusto, President

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

### Cattaraugus County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Inc.

712 Wayne Street  
Suite 1 West  
Olean, NY 14760  
(716) 373-2222  
FAX: (716) 373-2222  
Jacqueline Carroll, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cattaraugus County.

**Funded by:** County funds.

**Staff:** 2 full time plus volunteers.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** 350.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Cattaraugus County.

**Area Served:** Cattaraugus County.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Bronx-Westchester-Rockland Affiliate

7 Colvin Road  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
(914) 472-6644  
FAX: (914) 472-4470  
Louise Boardman, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Brooklyn Affiliate

103 Ryerson Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11205-2510  
(718) 783-3942  
Patsy Ross, President  
Sara Kerber, Vice-President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Long Island Affiliate

300 Garden City Plaza  
Garden City, NY 11530  
(516) 481-4287  
Dr. Irving Barnett, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Manhattan Affiliate

Gracie Square Station  
P.O. Box 229  
New York, NY 10028  
(212) 677-6711  
Jackie Stein, President  
Claire Feldman, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Syracuse Affiliate

8752 Radburn Drive  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027  
(315) 638-2393  
John Scala, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Lighthouse Inc.

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
TDD (212) 821-9713 or (800) 334-5497  
FAX: (212) 821-9705  
Barbara Silverstone, DSW,  
President and CEO

See The Lighthouse Inc. in U.S. national listings.

### Prevent Blindness New York

160 East 56th Street  
Eighth Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 980-2020  
FAX: (212) 688-9641  
Joseph Basile, President and CEO

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Bible Society

American Foundation for the Blind

Association for Macular Diseases

Association of Junior Leagues

AWARE (Associates for World Action in Rehabilitation and Education)

Bantam-Doubleday-Dell

Choice Magazine Listening

Eye Bank for Sight Restoration



Fight for Sight

The Glaucoma Foundation

HarperCollins Publishers

Helen Keller International

Helen Keller National Center for  
Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Helen Keller Services for the  
Blind/Braille Library

International Society on  
Metabolic Eye Disease

IN TOUCH Networks

Jewish Braille Institute of  
America

Jewish Guild for the Blind (The  
Guild)

John Milton Society for the Blind

The Lighthouse Inc.

March of Dimes Birth Defects  
Foundation

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the  
Blind

Myopia International Research  
Foundation

National Accreditation Council  
for Agencies Serving the Blind  
and Visually Handicapped

National Association for Visually  
Handicapped

National Braille Association

National Marfan Foundation

National Multiple Sclerosis  
Society

National Self-Help Clearinghouse

Orbis International

Print Access Center  
The Lighthouse Inc.

Random House Large Print

Research to Prevent Blindness

St. Martin's Press

Ulverscroft Large Print Books  
Limited

Xavier Society for the Blind

## ◆ *Rehabilitation Services*

### STATE SERVICES

#### **New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped**

40 North Pearl Street

Albany, NY 12243

(518) 473-1801

FAX: (518) 486-5819

Thomas A. Robertson, Acting  
Commissioner

**Mission:** Administration of services to legally blind residents of New York State for the purpose of ameliorating the disability imposed by visual impairments and to enhance individual employability. Through district offices across the state, provides and arranges for provision of vocational rehabilitation services and other services such as independent living skills and mobility training, business services and information and referral services.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** 1992: \$29,000,000.

**Staff:** 168 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1992: 6,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** New York State.

**Health:** Medical and specialist examinations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services; psychological testing and evaluations.

**Educational:** Post-secondary training programs.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internships and practicums.

**Reading:** Readers services available to support program goals.

**Rehabilitation:** Training in activities of daily living, orientation and mobility, communications.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; career counseling; vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up services; vending facility training; self-employment program; homemaker training.

**Computer Training:** Available to support training and employment goals.

**Low Vision:** Available to support vocational rehabilitation goals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Buffalo:** Ellicott Square Building, 295 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, (716) 847-3516.

**Hempstead:** 175 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 564-4313.

**New York:** Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island), 270 Broadway, New York, NY 10007, (212) 417-5211.

**New York:** Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (Manhattan and Bronx), Harlem State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027, (212) 870-4440.

**Rochester:** 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607, (716) 238-8110.

**Syracuse:** 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 428-4147.

**White Plains:** 150 Grand Street, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 993-5370.

**REHABILITATION****Associated Blind**

135 West 23rd Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 255-1122  
FAX: (212) 645-1638  
Ruth Ellen Simmonds, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Funded by:** Contributions, legacies, endowments and annuities.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-8:00 PM.

**Staff:** 12 full time, 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938 and Inc. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200.

**Eligibility:** Adult, legally blind.

**Area Served:** New York City metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** Adult.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling; support groups; referrals. Full social service agency.

**Educational:** Many programs in adult education, braille instruction.

**Professional Training:** Internships.

**Reading:** Volunteer readers available.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home economics; communications; braille instruction; talking book machines; reader service.

**Recreational:** Life enrichment activities and programs, including social activities and physical fitness programs.

**Employment:** Career development programs.

**Computer Training:** Skills relevance programs, adaptive technology.

**Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc.**

123 - 14 14th Avenue  
College Point, NY 11356  
(718) 445-0752  
FAX: (718) 739-4750  
Chris Weldon, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Kings County.

**Mission:** Services to persons with multiple disabilities.

**Funded by:** Medicaid, state grants, community groups and individuals interested in multiply disabled blind and severely retarded children and young adults.

**Budget:** \$9 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Day treatment: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Sat. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; Residential facilities: 24-hour service.

**Staff:** 300.

**History/Date:** Est. 1956. Formerly (1974) Association for Advancement of Blind Children, Inc.

**Number of Clients Served:** 390.

**Eligibility:** Mild to profound retardation, blindness, multiple handicaps.

**Area Served:** New York City.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Residential:** Eleven group residences providing intermediate care facilities for blind and retarded young adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Two six-day treatment centers for blind, multihandicapped and severely retarded young adults.

**Recreational:** All-year camp for blind and multihandicapped people.

**Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.**

422 South Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620-1198  
(716) 232-1111 or TDD (716) 232-1085

FAX: (716) 232-6707

A. Gidget Hopf, Executive Director  
Dorothy H. Green, Director of Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To assist people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their highest level of independence in their social and vocational lives; to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services and vocational training to people who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Endowment, manufacturing and food service sales; New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; United Way; fundraising; sliding fee scale.

**Budget:** \$10,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** 120 direct-labor employees; 85 professional and non-exempt.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908; inc. 1913.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind or severely visually impaired.

**Area Served:** City of Rochester; Counties of Monroe, Ontario, Livingston, Orleans, Wayne, and Genesee.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Senior citizens; outreach and screening; support groups; individual counseling.

**Educational:** Summer children's program; computer assessment and training program for children,



adolescents, young adults and adults.

**Preschools:** Home training; early intervention services.

**Reading:** Volunteer readers available.

**Rehabilitation:** Full range of services including orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, counseling, social work, and vocational preparation.

**Recreational:** Limited.

**Employment:** Supported employment, placement programs, and vocational preparation such as job skills club. Agency-based direct-labor employment available in such areas as manufacturing and food services.

**Computer Training:** Comprehensive evaluation and training.

**Low Vision:** On-site comprehensive low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Consumer Resource Center on site.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Association for the Visually Impaired**

260 Old Nyack Turnpike  
Spring Valley, NY 10977  
(914) 574-4950

FAX: (914) 574-4944

Arlene Koeppel, CSW, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Rockland, Orange Counties.

**Mission:** To help blind and visually impaired people retain or regain independence.

**Funded by:** County of Rockland; United Way; fees; contributions; N.Y. State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; and fundraising events.

**Budget:** \$600,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 14 full time, plus volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Orange and Rockland counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; crisis intervention; individual and group counseling; referral to community services.

**Educational:** In-service training programs to community agencies and public education to community members; internship/fieldwork placement in social work.

**Reading:** Large-print magazines; information and referral; instruction and use of video magnifier; volunteer reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal and home management; braille; typing; writing and communication skills; orientation/mobility; daily living skills; instruction in client's home and community; skills instruction; low vision aids instruction.

**Recreational:** Educational social support groups.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids referral.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Aurora of Central New York**

518 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
(315) 422-7263

FAX: (315) 422-4792

Donald Buodov, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, United Way, capital income, government agency, contributions, sales.

**Budget:** 1997: \$1,700,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 35 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1917.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,302.

**Eligibility:** Visual/hearing impairment.

**Area Served:** Central and northern counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; individual, family, couple counseling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other counseling/social work services.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players; recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; Optacon adapted computer equipment; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services.

**Computer Training:** On-site computer access technology center.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for sale.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Blind Association of Western New York**

1170 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
(716) 882-1025  
FAX: (716) 882-5577  
Ronald S. Maier, Ph.D., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit, citizen-directed rehabilitation agency.

**County/District Where Located:** Erie County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, and multiply disabled blind or visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** United Way, state funds, private donations.

**Budget:** Approximately \$4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1907 and Inc. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 10,000 through all services.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Eight counties of western New York.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Casefinding; assessment; social casework; information and referral; adjustment counseling; group, individual and family counseling.

**Educational:** Public information and education programs to

schools, civic groups, professionals and the media.

**Preschools:** For visually impaired children, birth-5 years.

**Professional Training:** Fieldwork supervision and conferences for professionals and consumers.

**Reading:** Resource center dispenses talking books; adaptive and high-tech devices and assistance on usage.

**Residential:** 24 unit subsidized housing designed for physically disabled yet functionally independent individuals, particularly those who are blind and visually impaired.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management: orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; non-visual skills training; children's programs; services to children. Home, school, or agency-based.

**Recreational:** Services related to recreation groups meeting in the agency and integrated in the community.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; job retention; vocational placement; employment services; sheltered workshop; work activities center; follow-up services.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic services available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Located in low vision clinic and resource center.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Blind Work Association**

55 Washington Street

Binghamton, NY 13901  
(607) 724-2428

FAX: (607) 771-8045

M. Conrad Range, Jr., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Broome County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, capital funds, contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Area Served:** Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Individual, family/parent counseling; placement and training; referral to community services. Refers for other social work services.

**Professional Training:** In-service training when requested by schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and others. Trains volunteers for vision screening.

**Reading:** Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services and large print on request.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home.

**Recreational:** Special programs for elderly. Refers for bowling.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

### **Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service**

285 Schermerhorn Street



Brooklyn, NY 11217  
(718) 875-0710  
FAX: (718) 855-1517  
Donna A. Santarsiero, Executive Director  
Leslie Klein, Director, Adult Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Multi-service.  
**County/District Where Located:** Kings County.

**Mission:** Services to visually impaired and other disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales and sub-contracts, endowment, public funds, contributions, Greater New York Fund, and New York Times Neediest.

**Budget:** \$15 Million.

**Staff:** 49 full time (rehab services only).

**History/Date:** Est. 1866.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600 (rehab services only).

**Eligibility:** Disabled adults.

**Area Served:** Kings County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 17 years and over.

**Health:** Psychological testing.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family, and group counseling. Psychological counseling.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; communication skills; prevocational group work.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop; work training; job placement services; diagnostic vocational evaluation.

**Catholic Charities  
Office for Disabled Persons**  
191 Joralemon Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 722-6000  
FAX: (718) 722-6096  
Thomas Destefano, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Kings County.

**Funded by:** Contributions and membership fees.

**Staff:** 1 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Brooklyn and Queens.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Religious counseling and services. Mass for blind clients; special events and services.

Advocacy and assistance with housing.

**Recreational:** Monthly social activities.

#### **Catholic Charities Services for Visually Impaired Persons**

143 Schlegel Boulevard  
Amityville, NY 11701  
(516) 789-5213

FAX: (516) 789-9542

Paul Sauerland, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit. Catholic sponsored, non-sectarian in service.

**County/District Where Located:** Nassau County.

**Mission:** Provides services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Service fees from New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and Catholic Charities.

**Budget:** \$270,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Rehabilitation services are provided in clients' homes.

**History/Date:** Est. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** 209.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, except for contracted services that are for those legally blind.

**Area Served:** Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations;

individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; mobility skills; typing; home management; rehabilitation; teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Special programs for elderly.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

#### **Catholic Guild for the Blind**

525 Washington Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 856-4494

Sister Rose Mary Cauley, Director.

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:** Erie County.

**Mission:** To promote and enhance spiritual and social interests of the blind and visually impaired population in the Diocese of Buffalo.

**Funded by:** Catholic Charities appeal.

**Budget:** \$10,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Facilities are fully accessible. Referrals from other agencies and self referrals.

**Staff:** 1 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 300 in community and nursing homes.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Buffalo diocese (8 western New York counties).

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Referral services; short-term counseling; spiritual counseling. Emergency financial aid. Sponsors social and religious programs.

**Professional Training:** Conducts training seminars for volunteers.

**Rehabilitation:** Social and spiritual programs.

**Recreational:** Sponsors picnics.

**Catholic Guild for the Blind**

1011 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 371-1000, ext. 2017  
FAX: (212) 826-8377

A. Therese Snyder, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation of legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** Catholic Charities and New York State Commission for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Budget:** \$300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully handicapped accessibility.

**Staff:** 5 full time; 5 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1953.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness.

**Area Served:** New York City area.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social work and counseling available when needed.

**Educational:** English as a second language; and remedial instruction.

**Professional Training:**

Internships for rehabilitation teaching and mobility.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; adaptive communication skills training; homemaking; communications and casework services; consultation to other agencies.

**Low Vision:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

507 Kent Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 797-2233  
FAX: (315) 797-4763  
Donald D. LoGuidice, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; not-for-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Oneida County.

**Mission:** To assist people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their highest level of independence.

**Funded by:** Contributions, fees, grants, workshop/industries sales, investment income.

**Budget:** 1997: \$8,550,789.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 38 full time, 14 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1929.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,439.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, severely visually impaired, deaf and blind, multiply disabled blind persons.

**Area Served:** 6 counties in central New York: Oneida, Madison, Merrimac, Lewis, Montgomery, Fultch plus 5 additional counties for technology and other services.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** No age restrictions.

**Health:** Glaucoma screening, preschool screening, and distance acuity vision screenings. Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Individual, group, family, crisis intervention counseling; referral to community services. Provides consultation to other agencies on counseling/social work services, adult support group meetings. Children's services; resource advocacy and training activities for visually impaired children.

**Educational:** Public education and in-service training programs provided upon request.

Prevention, careers, and other educational material information available.

**Preschools:** Preschool Vision Training Program. Serves blind and visually impaired children, many with other disabling conditions. Individual training provided in visual and compensatory skills. Works in cooperation with all other area preschool programs.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work; rehabilitation teaching. Regular in-service training program open to other agencies.

**Reading:** Braille transcribing services; braille books; large-print books; tape recording; information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills, personal and home management, orientation and mobility, concept development, community and facility-based programs.

**Recreational:** Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for some recreational services.

**Employment:** Job evaluation and training, community placement,



supported employment, center industries, work activity center.

**Computer Training:** Regional technology center for visually impaired persons serving 10 counties. Assessment, training, and job/education site services on personal computers based adaptive equipment.

**Low Vision:** Low vision center. Adaptive equipment and low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available through low vision center.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as necessary through low vision center.

Volunteer services: transportation, friendly visiting, grocery shopping, recreational activities, tutoring, clerical help, and assistance with vision screenings.

#### **Chautauqua Blind Association, Inc.**

406 East Fourth Street  
Jamestown, NY 14701  
(716) 664-6660 or (716) 487-7561  
Joanne E. Nelson, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chautauqua County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired persons and blindness prevention programs.

**Funded by:** County; United Way; sub-contracts; donations; New York State Commission for the Blind; memberships; fund raising; grants.

**Budget:** 1996: \$137,938.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1921.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 650.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Chautauqua County, all programs. Cattaraugus County, one contracted program for legally blind persons.

**Age Requirements:** Must be old enough to understand instructions.

**Health:** Preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Assistance in meeting medical, housing, financial, recreational and/or legal needs; referral to other service providers when appropriate.

**Preschools:** Vision screening offered to preschoolers aged 3-6.

**Professional Training:** In-service workshops available to other agencies and nursing homes.

**Reading:** Delivery of talking books and Radio Reading Service receivers; transcription to braille; referrals for large-print books and magazines. Aids and appliances available.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; rehabilitation teaching in the client's home; communication skills.

**Recreational:** Large-print/braille recreational aids available.

**Employment:** Referral to appropriate agencies for training and placement, when applicable.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services available through subcontractors.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available through subcontractors.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Available through subcontractor and agency staff.

#### **Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc.**

100 West Courts Street

Syracuse, NY 13204

(315) 476-4021

FAX: (315) 425-0461

George A. Manyo, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally handicapped.

**Funded by:** Sub-contracts, capital income, fees and grants.

**Staff:** 65 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1964.

**Eligibility:** Emotionally, mentally, physically and socially disabled, unable to be assisted through ordinary vocational counseling and placement programs. Must be able to travel unescorted.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** At least 17 years.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group

counseling; placement in training. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training program.

**Reading:** Large print books.

**Rehabilitation:** Remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Provides consultation to other agencies on recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; work adjustment and work evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; skill training; sheltered

workshops; vocational placement; follow-up services. Refers for vending stand training.

**Local Offices:**

**Syracuse:** Consolidated Industries of Greater Syracuse, Inc., 100 West Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13203, (315) 476-4021.

**Glens Falls Association for the Blind**

144 Ridge Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
(518) 792-3421  
FAX: (518) 792-3430  
Philip R. Jessen, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Capital funds, United Way, gifts, bequests, county allotment, contracts, Lions Club.

**Budget:** 1996: \$308,174.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:**  
Completely accessible.

**Staff:** 7 full-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1937; inc. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 2,200.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness or severe visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Warren, Washington, north Saratoga, Hamilton Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Preschool and elderly vision screening; in-service education programs. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling/social work services; social casework; advocacy; outreach; visitation.

**Reading:** Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility training; social casework.

**Recreational:** Community-based programs for elderly.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Low Vision:** Monthly low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Mid-Atlantic Region Office**

111 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050  
(516) 944-8900 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (516) 944-7302  
Barbara Martin, Regional Representative  
Susan Ruzenski, Assistant Director

**Type of Agency:** Vocational rehabilitation training.

**Mission:** To facilitate a national, coordinated effort to meet the social, rehabilitative and independent living needs of the deaf blind population.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:45AM-4:30PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,700 annually, nationwide.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

**Helen Keller Services for the Blind**

57 Willoughby Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-2122

FAX: (718) 935-9463

URL: <http://www.helenkeller.org>  
Fred W. McPhilliamy, President  
John P. Lynch, Director  
Frank Romano, Associate Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

**Funded by:** New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, capital income, public support, Medicaid, grants, and legacies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:**  
Accessible.

**Staff:** 141 full time, 31 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1893.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000-4,000 blind and visually impaired people annually. Plus 30,000 preschool children in a vision screening program on Long Island.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired children or adults; legally blind.

**Area Served:** New York City metropolitan area and Long Island.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages accepted.

**Health:** Comprehensive low vision services; audiology; and vision screening services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; placement in



school, training; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Supplemental educational services to school-age visually impaired children.

Summer career development seminars and mobility clinics for school-age children.

**Preschools:** Center-based services for visually impaired preschoolers. Vision screening services for preschool children.

**Preschools:** Center-based services for visually impaired preschoolers. Vision screening services for preschool children.

**Professional Training:** Internship/field work placement in low vision; rehabilitation counseling; social work, orientation and mobility; and education.

**Reading:** Produces and lends braille and large-print textbooks; information and referral; transcription to braille/large print.

**Rehabilitation:** Diagnostic and prevocational evaluation; vocational placement services; supported employment; psychological testing; social work services; rehabilitation counseling; communication skills; orientation/mobility; adaptive technology training; transcription/typing; audiology and rehabilitation teaching. Day treatment program provides diagnostic treatment and rehabilitative services to multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind adults. Operates the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

**Recreational:** Senior citizens service centers in 4 locations; summer camp for children up to age 14; fishing; bowling. Refers for other recreation services. Co-op scouting program.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill

development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; and supported employment.

**Computer Training:** Comprehensive adaptive technology and computer training services for educational and vocational purposes.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low Vision Center prescribes aids and other low vision devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Hempstead:** Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Nassau Service Center and Rehabilitation Center, One Helen Keller Way, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, FAX (516) 538-6785.

**Huntington:** Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Suffolk Service Center, 40 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743, (516) 424-0022, FAX (516) 424-0301.

#### **Industries for the Blind of New York State**

230 Washington Avenue Extension Suite 106  
Albany, NY 12203  
(518) 456-8671  
FAX: (518) 456-3587  
Steven M. Ennis, President-Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Sales.

**County/District Where Located:** Albany County.

**Funded by:** Fees for service.

**Budget:** \$740,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1946.

**Area Served:** New York State.

Sales organization actively markets blind-made products to

state agencies, political subdivisions, and public benefit corporations under provisions of the New York State finance law, working with eight qualified, nonprofit workshops for blind persons.

#### **Jefferson County Association for the Blind**

321 Prospect Street  
Watertown, NY 13601  
(315) 782-2451  
Shirley Cooper, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons of all ages.

**Funded by:** United Way; capital funds; contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 2 part-time, uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Number of Clients Served:** 480.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Jefferson County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Home visits to individuals in Jefferson County; counseling. Referrals to community services.

**Reading:** Talking book machines. Placement of special radio receivers.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids.

#### **Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)**

15 West 65th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 769-6200  
FAX: (212) 769-6266  
Alan R. Morse, President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; nonprofit; nonsectarian.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically disabled; multiply disabled.

**Funded by:** Fees, Medicaid, United Way, contributions.

**Budget:** \$40,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Evenings by appointment only.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** 475 full time. Uses volunteers, in addition.

**History/Date:** Est. 1914.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 4,800.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** No geographic limitations.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Serves all visually impaired/blind persons from infancy through extreme old age.

**Health:** Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF). Diagnostic and treatment center. Short-term medical rehabilitation. GuildCare: Adult Day Health Program provides comprehensive health care, case management, vision rehabilitation, and recreational services for visually impaired/blind adults with medical needs who can benefit from day services. Medicaid reimbursable program includes transportation. Available in Manhattan, the Bronx and Yonkers campuses, as well as in Albany, Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychiatric clinic; continuing day treatment program; individual, group, family/parent, couple, crisis, substance abuse

counseling; referral to community services. Case management services for visually impaired persons with HIV/AIDS. Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** The Guild School accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; developmentally disabled; orthopedically disabled; neurologically impaired or brain damage. Programs for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development; high school equivalency.

**Preschools:** Early Intervention Program for infants through age 3. Preschool for 3 to 5 year olds.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation; social work; special education and other related disciplines. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book records and cassettes; transcription to braille; tape recording services, upon request; volunteer reading service. Information and referral.

**Residential:** The Home for Aged Blind is a 219-bed skilled nursing facility in Yonkers, New York; includes a special 26-bed Alzheimer's unit and a 20-bed unit for visually impaired persons with AIDS.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon, typing; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; remedial education; communication skills; work adjustment training; adapted physical education; sensory training; physical therapy; occupational therapy; psychiatric evaluation and treatment. Provides

consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; word processing; supported employment, customer service representative training. Consultation to employers.

**Computer Training:** Includes adaptive devices, i.e., synthetic speech, large-print and braille.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Local Offices:

**Yonkers:** The Home for Aged Blind, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701, (914) 963-4662, (212) 365-3700.

**Yonkers:** Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center, 75 Stratton Street South, Yonkers, NY 10701, (914) 963-4661, (212) 365-3700.

#### The Lighthouse Inc.

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022-1202  
(212) 821-9200 or (800) 334-5497 or TDD (212) 821-9713  
FAX: (212) 821-9705  
E-mail: [info@lighthouse.org](mailto:info@lighthouse.org)  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>  
Barbara Silverstone, DSW,  
President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Vision rehabilitation services for all ages; research, education and advocacy programs.

**Funded by:** Fees; government grants; product sales; investment income; contributions.

**Budget:** \$27,200,000 (excluding Lighthouse Enterprises).



**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 311 full time, 69 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906 (as the New York Association for the Blind).

**Number of Clients Served:** FY '96: 4,606 received direct services.

**Eligibility:** Functional vision impairment.

**Area Served:** Greater New York.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Diabetic education, insulin device training, health counseling, sex education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; crisis intervention; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Afterschool programs for children and teenagers; leisure education; music; arts; high school equivalency.

**Preschools:** Center-based programs and consultation services to other programs for visually impaired multiply disabled children.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; social work; special education; therapeutic recreation; rehabilitation counseling. Professional training programs and seminars for professionals in allied fields.

**Reading:** Full-service library including braille, cassettes, Kurzweil Reader and print enlarger; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape

recording services; volunteer reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living skills; braille; handwriting; reading machines; typing; home management; orientation/mobility. Community and facility-based programs.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill development; occupational skill development; clerical skills training; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service and job coaching; work activity program for individuals with multiple impairments.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices; assessment, training, speech, braille and large print systems.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescriptions and training.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Bronx:** 350 East Gunhill Road, Bronx, NY 10467, (718) 920-0730.

**Elmhurst:** 60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard, Elmhurst, NY 11373, (718) 899-9100.

**Medford:** 1731 North Ocean Avenue, Medford, NY 11763, (516) 654-3522.

**Poughkeepsie:** 110 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, (914) 473-7350.

**Staten Island:** One Edgewater Plaza, Suite 316, Staten Island, NY 10305, (718) 816-9777.

**White Plains:** 44 Church Street, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 761-3221.

#### **New York City Industries for the Blind**

2701 Queens Plaza North

Long Island City, NY 11101-4015  
(718) 786-9300

FAX: (718) 786-9377

Richard C. Bland, President

**County/District Where Located:** Queens County.

**Mission:** To provide employment opportunities for people in the New York area who are blind or partially sighted.

**Budget:** \$7.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 13.

**History/Date:** Est. 1995.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan New York.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Employment:** Manufacturing, office, and service positions.

#### **North Country Association for the Visually Impaired**

301 Main Street

Third floor

Lake Placid, NY 12946

(518) 523-1950

Karen Mergenthaler, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To offer free professional assistance and support, as well as promote the physical and mental well-being of the legally blind and visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Gifts, donations, contracts, and Lions Clubs.

**Budget:** \$200,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 7 full time; 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1989.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Clinton, Franklin, Essex, and St. Lawrence Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Home visits and counseling by the agency or by referral to another organization.

**Educational:** Braille classes available.

**Preschools:** Rehabilitation teaching and social casework for infants to school-age children.

**Rehabilitation:** Services for older persons; home-based and community-based training; homemaking skills, kitchen management; activities of daily living.

**Employment:** Vocational training.

**Low Vision:** Services and referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aids can be ordered through the agency.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** After two months.

### **Northeastern Association of the Blind**

301 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12206

(518) 463-1211

FAX: (518) 436-4194

Carolyn Gebhardt, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; severely visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital funds, fund raising, grants.

**Budget:** \$2.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 36 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 650.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, severely visually impaired.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Low vision service. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Case management; social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; referral to community services.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement; low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; rehabilitation teaching; social work. In-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book referral and follow-up services; braille; large print; information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living evaluation; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching and mobility training in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshop; vocational placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices; vocational preparation in word and data processing.

**Low Vision:** In house clinic; home evaluations available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Evaluation and prescription of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **St. John's Episcopal Home for the Aged and Blind**

452 Herkimer Street

Brooklyn, NY 11213

(718) 467-1885

Janet McNemar, Administrator

**County/District Where Located:** Kings County.

**Funded by:** Public funds, endowment, Greater New York Fund, and contributions.

**History/Date:** Est. 1851.

**Area Served:** Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, Brooklyn.

**Health:** Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment. Eyeglasses available.

**Residential:** Facilities for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility training.

### **Southern Tier Association for the Visually Impaired**

719 Lake Street

Elmira, NY 14901

(607) 734-1554

FAX: (607) 734-9467

Stephan Connors, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chemung County.

**Mission:** Provides services for legally blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** Contributions; workshop sales; endowment; fees.

**Budget:** 1996: \$607,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 14 full time, 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1930.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Persons who are legally blind; visually impaired; able to benefit from service.

**Area Served:** Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Southern Seneca and Yates Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Glaucoma screening program/education outreach.



**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Counseling and referral services, public education and in-service training, peer support groups.

**Educational:** Public education and in-service training.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management; communication; low vision service.

**Employment:** On-the-job training; sheltered workshop.

**Low Vision:** Arthur P. Darling Low Vision Center, Corning, NY—functional assessments; adaptive equipment; low vision aides.

**Low Vision Aids:** Use of R.T. and R.T. aids for in-home training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

120 Wall Street, 16th Floor  
New York, NY 10005  
(212) 425-2255

FAX: (212) 425-7114  
E-mail: alwidman@aol.com  
Nancy D. Miller, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Community and rehabilitation services for adults and elders who are blind and visually impaired. Year-round residential camp services for visually impaired/blind and multiply disabled adults, elders and families. CIL Publications offering professional textbooks and audiobooks for newly blind individuals.

**Funded by:** Contributions; United Way; grants; legacies; fees; government contracts.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:**

Rehabilitation in home; camp fully accessible.

**Staff:** 24 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926. Formerly called Vacations and Community Services for the Blind incorporating the Center for Independent Living.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired adults and elders; multiply disabled persons; family members.

**Area Served:** New York City and metropolitan area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 55 years; multiply disabled 18 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

General social services—short-term counseling, information, referral and concrete services. Group programs and social services in 31 neighborhood senior centers (Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester) promote integration of elders who are visually impaired into community life. Self-study audiobooks for learning skills for independence.

**Educational:** Public education boroughwide forums; group education; and vision screening. Textbooks for instructors in mobility, housekeeping, personal management, and sensory development.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching; occupational therapy. In-service program for professionals in allied fields.

**Residential:** Overnight respite care in the camp facility during weekends/summer sessions for blind multiply disabled adults living with a caregiver.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching (personal management, communications, housekeeping); orientation/mobility; occupational therapy. Training provided in the client's home and community. Consultations to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Vacation Camp for the Blind near Spring Valley, New York in Rockland County. 5 summer sessions and special winter weekends. Full range of recreational and social activities with adapted facilities. Social work supervision.

**Employment:** Counselor in training; pre-employment mentoring project; summer employment for blind, visually impaired, or disabled persons.

**Low Vision:** Referral as part of a rehabilitation program.

**Publications:** Self-help audiobooks and in print for visually impaired adults and professionals. Publications teach sensory development, housekeeping skills, basic indoor mobility, and personal management. Instructional textbooks with structured tasks and behavioral objectives.

**Westchester Independent Living Center, Inc.**

297 Knollwood Road  
White Plains, NY 10607  
(914) 682-3926

FAX: (914) 682-8518  
Joseph R. Bravo, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Westchester County.

**Mission:** Direct services to disabled population.

**Funded by:** State Education Department.

**Staff:** On-site 15, off-site 35.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Eligibility:** Disability.

**Area Served:** Westchester and Rockland Counties.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Provides social evaluation, community services. Information, referral and advocacy for people with disabilities.

**Professional Training:** Social integration program for seniors who pre-legally blind.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Aurora of Central New York

518 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
(315) 422-7263

FAX: (315) 422-4792

Director, Computer Access Technology Program

**County/District Where Located:** Onondaga County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### Baruch College

#### Computer Center for Visually Impaired People

17 Lexington Avenue  
P.O. Box H648  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 802-2140

FAX: (212) 802-2103

Dr. Karen Luxton Gourgey,  
Director  
Judith Gerber, Manager

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### ENABLE

1603 Court Street  
Syracuse, NY 13208  
(315) 455-7591

Carol Tytler, Director, Assistive Technology

**County/District Where Located:** Onondaga County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; assistive technology.

### Finger Lakes Independent Center

609 West Clinton Street  
Suite 112  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 272-2433

Richard Farruggio, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Thompson County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

111 Middle Neck Road

Sands Point, NY 11050  
(516) 944-8900 or TDD (516) 944-8637

FAX: (516) 944-7302

E-mail: 76215.1062@compuserve.com

Jim Belanich, Adaptive Technology Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### Helen Keller Services for the Blind

57 Willoughby Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-2122

FAX: (718) 935-9463

Frank Romano, Associate Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### Lavelle School for the Blind

East 221th Street and Paulding Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10469  
(718) 882-1212

FAX: (718) 882-0005

Ronald D. Fedele, Computer Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems, braille access systems; OSCAR scanning systems, closed-circuit television systems; word processing.

### LIFT

P.O. Box 1072



Mountainside, NY 07092  
(908) 789-2443  
FAX: (908) 903-0933  
E-mail: liftinc@aol.com  
Donna Walters Kozberg, President  
Barbara Lee, Assessment  
Counselor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating system.

**The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9681  
Martin S. Yablonski, Vice  
President, Manhattan, Bronx,  
Brooklyn

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems, word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**The Lighthouse Inc.  
Hudson Valley**

44 Church Street  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 761-3221  
Judith Millman, Vice President,  
Hudson Valley Region

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems, word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**New York Institute for Special  
Education**

999 Pelham Parkway

Bronx, NY 10469  
(718) 519-7000  
John Hernandez, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; training for instructors.

**Northeastern Association of the  
Blind**

301 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 463-1211  
FAX: (518) 436-4194  
Art Rizzino, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Albany County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**Techspress/RCIL**

409 Columbia Street  
Utica, NY 13502  
(315) 797-4642  
FAX: (315) 797-4747  
E-mail: txprsnny@aol.com  
Lana Grossin, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Oneida County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

**DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**

**Guide Dog Foundation for the  
Blind, Inc.**

371 East Jericho Turnpike

Smithtown, NY 11787  
(516) 265-2121 or (800) 548-4337  
FAX: (516) 361-5192  
E-mail: wjones@guidedog.org  
Wells B. Jones, CAE, CFRE

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Offers professional training of blind persons with dog guides, without fee. Maintains breeding and puppy-raising program.

**Funded by:** Contributions and endowments.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 49 full and part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946 and Inc. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** 80-90 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** International in scope.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.**

611 Granite Springs Road  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
(914) 245-4024  
FAX: (914) 245-1609  
William Badger, President

**Mission:** Breeds, raises, and trains dog guides and instructs blind individuals in their use. Trains own instructors, maintains follow-up service for graduates.

**Funded by:** Corporate, foundation, and individual gifts.

**Budget:** 1996.: \$6,699,769.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Staff:** 60 full time; 20 part time; 95 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1954.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 160 annually.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Educational:** Has public education program, including speakers bureau.

**Computer Training:** Adaptive equipment available.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### **New York State Ophthalmological Society**

10 Colvin Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206-1920  
(518) 438-2020  
Robin Pellegrino, Executive Director

#### **New York State Optometric Association, Inc.**

90 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210  
(518) 449-7300 or (800) 342-9836  
Jan Dorman

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester, Inc.**

##### **Low Vision Clinic**

422 South Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620-1198  
(716) 232-1111  
FAX: (716) 232-6707  
Marilyn Kuchmek, Low Vision Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To maximize residual vision.

**Funded by:** Client fees (sliding scale); United Way; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. mornings. Occasional Thurs.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** 1 ophthalmologist; 3 optometrists; 1 optician.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800 annually.

**Eligibility:** Current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling, support groups, outreach and screening.

**Educational:** Children's program in partnership with public education, computer assessment and training.

**Preschools:** Home training; early intervention.

**Reading:** Volunteer readers available.

**Rehabilitation:** Full range of services including orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, counseling, social work and vocational training.

**Employment:** Placement, supported employment, vocational preparations, agency based direct laboratories, food service, and manufacturing.

**Computer Training:** Comprehensive assessment and training.

**Low Vision:** On site comprehensive low vision service.

**Low Vision Aids:** For sale and loan only with doctor's prescription.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** After 2 months or 6 months, according to doctor's directions.

#### **Blind Association of Western New York**

1170 Main Street

Buffalo, NY 14209

(716) 882-1025

Sara A. Law MS, V.P.

Rehabilitation Services

Beverly Stana, Coordinator, Vision Rehabilitation Center

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for persons of all ages who are visually impaired or legally blind.

**Funded by:** Client fees, third party payments, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Medicare, VESID.

**Budget:** \$130,000.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Certified low vision optometrists; low vision coordinator; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; social caseworker; vocational evaluator; communication instructor.

**History/Date:** Est. 1907, Inc. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 350 annually.

**Eligibility:** Recent eye report or ophthalmological exam at clinic.

**Area Served:** Western New York.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on recommendation.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided.

#### **Buffalo General Hospital Wettlaufer Eye Clinic**

100 High Street



Buffalo, NY 14203

(716) 859-2533

Joseph F. Monte, M.D., Chief

Geraldine Schneider, Clinic

Supervisor

Paula A. Gowin, Administrative

Assistant, Department of

Ophthalmology

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Erie County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.

9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;

ophthalmology resident; social

worker.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Variable according to problem.

### **Eleanor E. Faye Low Vision Service**

#### **The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street

New York, NY 10022-1202

(212) 821-9626

FAX: (212) 821-9710

E-mail: [mfischer@lighthouse.org](mailto:mfischer@lighthouse.org)

URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>

Martin S. Yablonski, Vice

President, Regional Director

Michael Fischer, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provide low vision evaluations and instruction as part of comprehensive vision rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Consumer/patient fees; third-party payers; referral sources and The Lighthouse, Inc.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Thurs. till 7:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Low vision clinicians (MDs, ODs); low vision instructors; optician; social workers; vision rehabilitation therapists in orientation and mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching; employment and placement specialists.

**Number of Clients Served:** FY '96: 2,355.

**Eligibility:** Functional vision impairment, proof of primary eye care, diagnostic eye report requested and required for certain conditions.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive vision rehabilitation therapy (orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching); counseling and employment services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial. Dispensed by optician or low vision clinician. Instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed in accordance with prescribed treatment plan.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Bronx:** Outreach Office, 350 East Gunhill Road, Bronx, NY 10467, (718) 920-0730.

**New York:** Mt. Sinai Hospital, Five East 98th Street, Faculty Practice Building, Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10029, (212) 821-9632, (212) 241-0939.

#### **Erie County Medical Center**

462 Grider Street

Buffalo, NY 14215

(716) 898-3716

FAX: (716) 898-3343

Norman Weiss, O.D.

**County/District Where Located:**

Erie County.

**Funded by:** County.

**Hours of Operation:** Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; optician.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Not provided for trial on loan; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment at 3 and 6 months, as indicated.

### **Jewish Guild for the Blind/Home for Aged Blind Kramer Vision Rehabilitation Center**

75 Stratton Street South

Yonkers, NY 10701

(212) 365-3700, ext. 544 or

(914) 963-4661, ext. 544

Bruce Mastalinski, Vice President and Director

Laura Sperazza, Director, Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Westchester County.

**Mission:** Serving visually impaired/blind persons.

**Staff:** Optometrist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation counselor; communication skills instructor; rehabilitation teacher. Ophthalmologists available off site.

**Eligibility:** By referral, with diagnosis.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation, referral, rehabilitation.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

**Long Island Jewish Medical Center  
Eye Care Center**

600 Northern Boulevard, Room 214  
Great Neck, NY 11021  
(516) 470-2000  
Ira Udell, M.D., Chairman,  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Joel Scheckner, O.D., Attending  
Optometrist

**County/District Where Located:**  
Nassau County.

**Funded by:** Insurance, fee for service.

**Hours of Operation:** Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision specialist (optometrist).

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Nassau and Queens Counties.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial, if necessary.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment and telephone.

**Low Vision Clinic  
Helen Keller Services for the Blind (HKSB)**

57 Willoughby Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-2122  
FAX: (718) 935-9463  
William Dale, Clinic Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To enable persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind to lead as independent a life as possible.

**Funded by:** Medicaid, Medicare, client fees, New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

**Budget:** \$90,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrists; social worker;

rehabilitation teachers; orientation and mobility instructors.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 1,200 annually.

**Eligibility:** Recent eye report.

**Area Served:** New York City metropolitan area and Long Island.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive eye care services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for purchase with on-site training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient needs.

**Local Offices:**

**Hempstead:** Helen Keller Services for the Blind, Nassau Service Center and Rehabilitation Center, 320 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, (516) 485-1234, FAX (516) 538-6785.

**Low Vision Service  
The Lighthouse Inc.**

60-05 Woodhaven Boulevard  
Elmhurst, NY 11373  
(718) 899-9100  
FAX: (718) 899-9506  
E-mail: [mfischer@lighthouse.org](mailto:mfischer@lighthouse.org)  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>  
Frank Simpson, Vice President,  
Regional Director  
Michael Fischer, O.D.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Queens County.

**Mission:** Provide low vision evaluations and instruction as part of comprehensive vision rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Client fees; approved third party payers, referral sources and The Lighthouse, Inc.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment: three days a week, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Low vision clinicians (MDs, ODs); low vision instructors; optician; social workers; vision rehabilitation therapists in orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching; employment and placement specialists.

**Number of Clients Served:** 412.

**Eligibility:** Functional vision impairment, proof of primary eye care, diagnostic eye report requested and required for certain conditions.

**Area Served:** Unlimited, primarily Queens County.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive vision rehabilitation therapy (orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching); counseling and employment services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial. Dispensed by optician or low vision clinician. Instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed in accordance with prescribed treatment plan.

**Low Vision Service  
The Lighthouse Inc.**

1731 North Ocean Avenue  
Medford, NY 11763  
(516) 654-3525  
FAX: (516) 654-3280  
E-mail: [rfarand@lighthouse.org](mailto:rfarand@lighthouse.org)  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>  
Frank Simpson, Vice President,  
Regional Director  
Teresa Halliwell, OD, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Provide low vision evaluations and instruction as part of comprehensive vision rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Consumer/patient fees; third-party payers; referral sources and The Lighthouse, Inc.



**Hours of Operation:** By appointment: Wed. 9:00AM-1:00PM; Fri. 9:30AM-12:30PM.

**Program Accessibility:**

Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Low vision clinicians (ODs); low vision instructors; social workers; vision rehabilitation therapists in orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching.

**Number of Clients Served:** FY '96: 263.

**Eligibility:** Functional vision impairment, proof of primary eye care, diagnostic eye report requested and required for certain conditions.

**Area Served:** Unlimited, primarily Suffolk and Nassau Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive vision rehabilitation therapy (orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching); counseling and referral to employment services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial. Dispensed by low vision clinician. Instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed in accordance with prescribed treatment plan.

**Low Vision Service  
State University of New York  
College of Optometry**

100 East 24th Street  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 780-5013

FAX: (212) 420-5094

Roy Gordon Cole, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** University low vision service.

**Mission:** Provides low vision services and training for clinical internships and residencies in low vision.

**Funded by:** State funds, patient fees, Medicaid, Medicare.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon; 1:00-5:00 PM. Evenings by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometry interns; externs; residents; optician; social worker; pediatrician; internist; neurologist. Staff available through associated agencies in New York City include psychologist; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; special educator; technology center.

**Number of Clients Served:** Low vision service: approximately 2,000.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision:** Complete evaluations and special testing including VEP's, ERG's, ultra sound, and color vision analysis.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Two weeks after initial visit, or as needed.

**Low Vision Services  
The Lighthouse Inc.**

44 Church Street  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 761-3221

FAX: (914) 761-0484

E-mail: woconnell@lighthouse.org

URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>

Judith Millman, Vice President,

Regional Director

William F. O'Connell, O.D.,  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Westchester County.

**Mission:** Provide low vision evaluations and instruction as part of comprehensive vision rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Consumer/patient fees, approved third party payers, referral sources and The Lighthouse, Inc.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; evening appointments also available.

**Program Accessibility:**

Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** Low vision clinicians (ODs); low vision instructors; social workers; vision rehabilitation therapists in orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching; employment and placement specialists.

**Number of Clients Served:** FY'96: 585.

**Eligibility:** Functional vision impairment, proof of primary eye care, diagnostic eye report requested and required for certain conditions.

**Area Served:** Unlimited, primarily the Hudson Valley Region.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive vision rehabilitation therapy (orientation/mobility and/or rehabilitation teaching); counseling and employment services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial. Dispensed by low vision clinician. Instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed in accordance with prescribed treatment plan.

**Montefiore Hospital  
Medical Center  
Low Vision Service**

3332 Rochambeau Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10467  
(718) 920-6244

FAX: (718) 655-3985

Lanny Binstock O.D. F.A.A.O.,  
Director, Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees; third-party payments; New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. By appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; optician.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

### **New York Eye and Ear Infirmary**

310 East 14th Street  
New York, NY 10003  
(212) 979-4375

Judith Gurland, M.D.,  
Ophthalmologist, Director  
Suzanne Schudel, Low Vision  
Assistant/Ophthalmic  
Technologist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmology residents; ophthalmic technologist; low vision assistant; optometrist; social worker; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** Poor visual acuity; clinic and private patients not in need of mobility training.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Can be purchased directly; provided for trial; rental fee; on-site training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment and/or phone interview at 1 month.

### **Northeastern Association of the Blind**

301 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 463-1211

FAX: (518) 463-3585

Albert M. Morier, O.D.

Susan Ebert, Clinic Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Albany County.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. 8:00 AM-Noon.

**Staff:** Optometrist-low vision specialist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; job placement specialists.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Central New York State.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Computer Training:** Two full-time instructors, training 3-12 months; contact: Andy Davidson.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site and community training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment with rehabilitation teacher.

### **Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

#### **Low Vision Clinic and VICTORS Program**

79 Middleville Road  
Northport, NY 11768-2290  
(516) 261-4400

Richard Soden, O.D., Supervisor,  
Low Vision Clinic

Allen H. Cohen, O.D., F.A.A.O.,  
Chief, Eye/Vision Program

Brendal Waiss, O.D., F.A.A.O.,  
Coordinator, VICTORS Program

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Funded by:** Federal government.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists; optometrists; audiologist; low vision assistant; occupational therapist; psychiatrist; psychologist; rehabilitation counselor; social worker; speech therapist; vocational counselor, diabetic nurse.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired veterans with Honorable Discharge.

**Area Served:** Eastern Seaboard.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Visual impairment service team counselor available.

#### **Rehabilitation:**

VICTORS Program, intensive 5-day inpatient rehabilitation program for partially sighted veterans.

**Low Vision:** On-site evaluations and training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Supplied free to eligible veterans (service-connected disability).

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By recall system.

### **North Shore University Hospital Low Vision Services**

300 Community Drive  
Manhasset, NY 11030  
(516) 562-4530

Marc C. Epstein, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To serve the low vision needs of patients referred by physicians and optometrists.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Alternate Fri., 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology resident; optometrist; social worker; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor; orthoptist; rehabilitation teacher; psychologist/counselor; audiologist.



**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Low Vision Aids:** Not provided on loan; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

**University Eye Institute  
SUNY Health Science Center at  
Syracuse**

Vision Rehabilitation Center

550 Harrison Center #340

Syracuse, NY 13202

(315) 422-4412

FAX: (315) 422-4690

Mary M. Jackowski, Ph.D., O.D.,  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Onondaga County.

**Mission:** Serving clients with visual dysfunction due to ocular disease, trauma, stroke and neurological deficit.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds, private insurance, client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat.; evening hours available.

**Staff:** Optometrist, low vision coordinator, nurse-educator.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Computer Training:** Assessment for assistance technology.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase and rental.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

**Local Offices:**

**Fulton:** 201 South Second Street,  
Fulton, NY 13069.

**Syracuse:** 1101 Erie Boulevard  
East, Syracuse, NY 13210.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Office for the Aging**

New York State Plaza

Agency Building Two

Albany, NY 12223

(518) 474-4425 or Information &

Referral In State, Senior Citizens

Hotline (800) 342-9871

FAX: (518) 474-1398

Walter Hoefer, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Department of Social Services  
New York State Commission for  
the Blind and Visually  
Handicapped**

10 Eyck Office Building

40 North Pearl Street

Albany, NY 12243

(518) 473-1801

FAX: (518) 486-5819

Thomas Robertson, Assistant  
Commissioner

Neil Springfield, Project Director,  
(518) 474-2209

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# NORTH CAROLINA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

#### Exceptional Children Division

Education Building

301 North Wilmington Street

Raleigh, NC 27601-2825

(919) 715-1565

FAX: (919) 715-1569

E. Lowell Harris, Director,

Exceptional Children Division

Ed Stone, Textbook Consultant

Kathy Nisbet, Early Childhood  
Consultant

David Mills, Section Chief, Areas  
of Exceptionality

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wake County.

**Mission:** Provides braille, cassette  
tape and large-type textbooks for  
Grades 1-12. Offers consultation on  
education programs.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30AM-5:30PM.

**Staff:** 20.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** 687.

**Eligibility:** Must meet State Board  
of Education criteria.

**Area Served:** North Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Ages 3-21.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations,  
referrals, training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Yes.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

For information about local  
facilities, consult the

superintendent of schools in the  
area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Developmental Disabilities Section

#### Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services North Carolina Department of Human Services

325 North Salisbury Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

(919) 733-3654

FAX: (919) 733-9455

Duncan Munn, Chief of Day  
Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wake County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Governor Morehead School

301 Ashe Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27606

(919) 733-6381

FAX: (919) 733-1855

George Lee, Director of Students

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind;  
legally blind.

**Funded by:** State and federal  
funds.

**Budget:** \$7.7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM -  
5:00 PM, (office hours).

**Staff:** 260 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1845.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1997:  
90 residential, 300 preschool at 12  
sites and 30 more through  
outreach.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind and  
multiply disabled.

**Area Served:** North Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years:  
preschool day program; 5-21 years:  
residential program.

**Health:** Treatment of minor eye  
conditions; follow-up evaluation of  
eye treatment or prescription;  
general medical services; speech,  
hearing, occupational and physical  
therapy; low vision. Refers for  
other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Social evaluations;  
psychological testing and  
evaluations; individual counseling;  
transition services; placement in  
school, training. Refers for other  
counseling/social work services;  
access to Lions Clinic Assessment  
Center.

**Educational:** Preschool through  
12. Programs for general academic  
studies; vocational/skill  
development; special programs for  
multiply disabled blind persons.

**Preschools:** 8 sites: Greensboro,  
Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Morganton,  
Fayetteville, Greenville, and  
Wilmington.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship/fieldwork placement in  
vocational areas; orientation/  
mobility; rehabilitation counseling;  
special education. Regular in-  
service training programs. Masters  
program with NC Central  
University.

**Reading:** Talking book record  
players and cassette players;  
talking book records and cassettes;  
braille books; large print books;  
braille and recorded magazines;  
Kurzweil Reader; computers; radio  
reader service.

**Residential:** Cottages for children.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
management; braille; handwriting;  
listening skills; keyboard; typing;  
home management; orientation/  
mobility; remedial education;  
sensory motor training;  
prevocational and vocational  
workcenters. Refers for



rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

**Recreational:** After-school programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; leisure activities; fitness activities; residential summer camp; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; goalball.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling transition services; refers for some other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Y.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Visually Impaired Programs, Division for Exceptional Children, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC 27603-1712, (919) 733-3004.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

309 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-9822  
John B. DeLuca, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.  
**County/District Where Located:** Wake County.

**Funded by:** State and Title XX funds and county funds.

**Staff:** 500 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** For certain programs.

**Health:** Genetic and other counseling; adaptive equipment.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas.

**Low Vision:** Complete eye exams and follow-up including eyeglasses, surgery, treatment;

medical workshops for eligible clients.

Home-based program and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired multiply disabled children.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

North Carolina State Library  
1811 Capital Boulevard  
Raleigh, NC 27635  
(919) 733-4376 or (800) 662-7726 or TDD (919) 733-1462  
FAX: (919) 733-6910  
E-mail: nclbph@ncsl.dcr.state.nc.us  
Francine Martin, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Library.

**Mission:** To administer the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program in North Carolina.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 33.

**History/Date:** Est. 1958.

**Number of Clients Served:** 9,555.

**Eligibility:** Inability to read standard print due to visual or physical disability as certified by competent authority.

**Area Served:** North Carolina. Also serves South Carolina with braille.

Regional library providing talking books on disk and on cassette, braille and large-type books, talking book machines, and accessories.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Blue Ridge Brailers

175 Bingham Road  
Asheville, NC 28806-3800  
(704) 255-5921  
Helen Hicking, Assignment Chairman.

**Area Served:** Buncombe County, western North Carolina.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Braille lists supplied at no charge.

#### North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

309 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-9700  
FAX: (919) 715-8871  
E-mail: jdeluca@dhr.state.nc.us  
URL: <http://www.dhr.state.nc.us/dhr/dsb>  
John B. DeLuca, Director

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### RADIO READING

#### Central Piedmont Community College Radio Reading Service

P.O. Box 35009  
Charlotte, NC 28235  
(704) 330-6994  
FAX: (704) 330-6597  
Jim Bailey, Program Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Mecklenburg County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Area Served:** Mecklenburg (Charlotte), Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, Union Counties.

#### **Neighborhood News for the Blind**

P.O. Box 7405

Winston-Salem, NC 27109

(910) 761-5257

T. Cleve Callison, Station Manager

**Hours of Operation:** Sat.  
8:00 AM-9:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** 35-mile radius from Winston-Salem.

#### **Radio Reading Services, Inc.**

211 E. Six Forks Road

Suite 103

Raleigh, NC 27609-7743

(919) 832-5138

FAX: (919) 832-5138

E-mail: ah\_trrs@juno.com

Annette Henry, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wake County.

**Funded by:** United Way; local groups, and individuals.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Raleigh, Wake County, and 16 counties in north central North Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** None.

#### **Regional Audio Information Service Enterprise (RAISE)**

75 Haywood Street, G-5

Asheville, NC 28801

(704) 251-2166

Robert Brummond, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Boncomb County.

#### **Southeastern North Carolina Radio Reading Service**

1200 Murchison Road

Fayetteville, NC 28301

(910) 486-7007

Thomas N. White, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Cumberland County.

**Area Served:** Southeastern North Carolina, thirteen counties.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **North Carolina Affiliate**

1822 Cavendish Court

Charlotte, NC 28211

(704) 362-2611

Pam Allen, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Piedmont Affiliate**

44 Kemp Road East

Greensboro, NC 27410-6016

(910) 292-8124

Marilyn Green, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Raleigh Affiliate**

5321 Barclay Drive

Raleigh, NC 27606

(919) 851-2856

Rebekah Royster, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### **Prevent Blindness North Carolina**

3801 Lake Boone Trail

Suite 410

Raleigh, NC 27607

(919) 571-1014

FAX: (919) 571-1502

E-mail: 104706.1114@compuserve.com

Jennifer Green, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**Metrolina Association for the Blind**

**National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC\*TAS)**

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind**

309 Ashe Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27606

(919) 733-9822

FAX: (919) 733-9769

E-mail: jdeluca@dhr.state.nc.us

URL: [http://](http://www.dhr.state.nc.us/dhr/dsb)

[www.dhr.state.nc.us/dhr/dsb](http://www.dhr.state.nc.us/dhr/dsb)

John B. DeLuca, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State, federal, and county funds.



**Budget:** \$35 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 500 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
57,886.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or  
visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** For certain  
programs.

**Health:** Complete eye  
examinations and follow-up  
including eyeglasses, surgery and  
treatment; medical work-ups for  
eligible clients.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Social evaluation;  
psychological testing and  
evaluation; individual, group,  
family / parent, couple counseling;  
placement in training. Refers and  
provides consultation to other  
agencies for other counseling /  
social work services.

**Educational:** The Governor  
Morehead School includes a  
preschool, K-12, and outreach  
program.

**Preschools:** Morehead School for  
the Blind serves approximately 275  
children in the 0-4 years age group  
from 10 sites covering  
approximately one half of state.

**Professional Training:** Regular  
in-service training programs;  
contracts with university system.

**Reading:** Reader services.

**Residential:** Rehabilitation center,  
Morehead School.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal  
management; braille; handwriting;  
listening skills; assistive  
technology; electronic mobility  
aids; home management;  
orientation / mobility;  
rehabilitation teaching in client's  
home and community; remedial  
education; sensory training.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluation; career and skill  
counseling; occupational skill  
development; job retention; job  
retraining; sheltered workshops;  
vocational placement; follow-up  
service; Business Enterprises  
training.

**Computer Training:** Yes.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

#### Local Offices:

**Asheville:** District Office, 50 South  
French Broad Avenue, Asheville,  
NC 28801, (704) 251-6732.

**Charlotte:** District Office, 500 W.  
Trade Street, Suite 347, Charlotte,  
NC 28202, (704) 342-6185.

**Fayetteville:** District Office, 225  
Green Street, Fayetteville, NC  
28301, (910) 486-1582.

**Greenville:** District Office, 404 St.  
Andrews Drive, Greenville, NC  
27834, (919) 355-9016.

**Raleigh:** Evaluation Unit, Raleigh  
Lions Clinic, 315 Hubert Street,  
Raleigh, NC 27603, (919) 733-4281.

**Raleigh:** District Office, 309 Ashe  
Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606,  
(919) 733-4234.

**Raleigh:** Rehabilitation Center for  
the Blind, 305 Ashe Avenue,  
Raleigh, NC 27606, (919) 733-5897.

**Wilmington:** District Office, 14  
South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC  
28401, (910) 251-5743.

**Winston-Salem:** District Office,  
200 Miller Street, Winston-Salem,  
NC 27103, (910) 761-2345.

### REHABILITATION

#### Industries of the Blind

920 West Lee Street  
P.O. Box 3544  
Greensboro, NC 27402  
(910) 274-1591 or (910) 272-0927  
FAX: (910) 274-9207  
Derek M. Davis, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Sheltered  
workshop; vocational training  
agency.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Guilford County.

**Mission:** To assist visually  
impaired persons to develop their  
capabilities to the fullest and offer  
employment opportunities to  
those who wish to work.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales and  
sub-contracts.

**Budget:** \$14.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-  
4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Number of Clients Served:** 103.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually  
impaired; referred from North  
Carolina Services for the Blind.

**Area Served:** North Carolina and  
parts of South Carolina and  
Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Provided by Services for the  
Blind of North Carolina.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational  
evaluations, vocational training,  
training in independent living  
skills.

**Employment:** Sheltered  
workshops; vocational training.

**Low Vision Aids:**  
Recommendations and referrals.

#### Lions Club Industries for the Blind, Inc.

1810 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 11305  
Durham, NC 27703  
(919) 596-8277  
FAX: (919) 598-1179  
William L. Hudson, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Durham County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales.

**Staff:** 6 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Individual counseling; placement in training.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; sheltered workshops.

**Lions Industries for the Blind**

P.O. Box 2001

Kingston, NC 28502

(919) 523-1019

FAX: (919) 523-7090

Robert W. Smith, Executive Director

**Mission:** To provide employment and training for the blind and visually impaired.

**Lions Services**

4600 A North Tryon

Charlotte, NC 28213

(704) 921-1527

FAX: (704) 921-1577

David Marotta, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**

Mecklenburg County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Employment:** Job training; job retention; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; supported employment; computer training.

**Metrolina Association for the Blind**

704 Louise Avenue

Charlotte, NC 28204

(704) 372-3870

FAX: (704) 372-3871

Robert Scheffel, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Mecklenburg County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; United Way; endowment.

**Budget:** \$850,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Greater Charlotte area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling / social work services.

**Reading:** Transcription to braille, large print, and tape. Computer braille and large print.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation / mobility; braille; handwriting; typing; home management. Refers for other rehabilitation services. Electronic travel aids; audio devices.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Spectacles or aids; resale of aids and appliances; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

**Low Vision Aids:** Lends and resells low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**North Carolina Lions Foundation**

P.O. Box 39

Sherrills Ford, NC 28673-0039

(704) 478-2135

FAX: (704) 478-4419

Steve W. Walker, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To serve the needs of visually impaired and hearing impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Contributions and Lions Clubs of North Carolina.

**Budget:** \$1,250,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired and hearing impaired.

**Area Served:** North Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Health:** Supports eye and human tissue bank. Supplementary medical help.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Consultation and referral service.

**Recreational:** Operates Camp Dogwood.

**Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind**

315 Hubert Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

(919) 833-8611

FAX: (919) 833-5664

James W. Wells, President

**Type of Agency:** Private non-profit rehabilitation facility.

**County/District Where Located:** Wake County.



**Mission:** To vocationally rehabilitate visually impaired persons by successfully placing them in competitive employment.

**Funded by:** Income from manufactured items for federal government under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program and subcontracting for private industry.

**Budget:** \$2,826,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Clinic: Mon. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Tues.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Administrative offices: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM daily.

**Staff:** 28.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:

39 blind transitional employees and 184 clients.

**Eligibility:** Determined by the NC Division of Services for the Blind.

**Area Served:** Provides services for blind and visually impaired persons statewide through evaluation and work adjustment training. Provides employment for blind persons at local level.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and older.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Vocational counseling services provided through the NC Division of Services for the Blind. Human services personnel, available to assist in areas affecting employees outside of employment.

**Educational:** Vocationally related classes provided, as necessary, for clients in training.

**Residential:** No residential housing on site; residential arrangements for clients are made through the NC Division of Services for the Blind.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides for vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, limited sheltered employment, supported employment, medical services, and job placement services in competitive employment.

**Employment:** Provides limited sheltered employment.

**Low Vision:** Low vision screening provided for clients.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision clinic on site carries extensive array of low vision aids for clients being served.

#### **Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind**

7730 North Point Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
(910) 759-0551

FAX: (910) 759-0990

Dan Boucher, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Forsyth County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income.

**Budget:** \$10,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 18.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Number of Clients Served:** 110.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Kernersville, Yadkinville, Elkin, King, Rural Hall, North Wilkesboro.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years of age.

#### **Professional Training:**

Evaluations and training.

**Employment:** Evaluations; vocational training; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

**Low Vision Aids:** Vision technology.

#### **Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind**

##### **Ashville Division**

45 South French Broad Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801

(704) 258-2332

FAX: (704) 258-9814

Randy Buckner, Plant Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Buncombe County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales and sub-contracts.

**Staff:** 5 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938.

**Eligibility:** Blind or legally blind.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Employment:** Vocational training; sheltered workshops.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **North Carolina Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**

305 Ashe Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27606

(919) 733-5897

FAX: (919) 715-0471

Pattie Barker, Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** Wake County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **North Carolina Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons**

222 North Person Street

Raleigh, NC 27611  
(919) 833-3836  
Alan Skipper, Executive Director

**North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc.**

Box 1206  
Wilson, NC 27894-1206  
(919) 237-6197  
Sue Gardner, Contact Person

**LOW VISION CENTERS**

**Asheville Lions Club Eye Clinic**

45-A South French Broad Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(704) 252-5706  
Guy Penland, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Ann Rice, LPN

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Buncombe County.

**Mission:** To provide eye care assistance for low-income visually impaired individuals. To eliminate the potential for blindness among the citizens of Buncombe County.

**Funded by:** United Way; Asheville Lions Club; Buncombe County government.

**Budget:** \$81,702.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 8:30AM-5:00PM; Fri. 8:00AM-1:30PM.

**Staff:** Volunteer director, nurse, office secretary, screening technician.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150 for Low Vision Services; 16,156 for other services.

**Eligibility:** Referral; current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Asheville and Buncombe Counties.

**Health:** Public glaucoma and diabetes screenings; individuals may come to office by appointment for eye pressure, blood sugar or blood pressure

check. Hearing screening in office. No charge for any services.

**Preschools:** Vision screenings provided to private and public schools; referrals to eye care specialists for elevated readings.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purpose at no charge; sold at cost; on-site or in-home training provided. No charge to individual other than actual cost of low vision aids. Assistance in finding several aids to purchase if needed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visit and/or phone interview; varies according to patient. As many visits as necessary to satisfy needs.

**Duke University Eye Center  
Duke University Medical Center**

Box 3802  
Durham, NC 27710  
(919) 684-6749  
FAX: (919) 681-6474  
Monica De La Paz, M.D., Medical Director  
Deborah Lapolice, Evaluator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide low vision aids and training in their use for patients with low vision.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Low vision service by appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation counselor, low vision evaluator.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Available by social worker on staff.

**Low Vision:** Examination and rehabilitation referral by ophthalmologists; low vision evaluation, including prescriptions for optical aids, spectacles, magnifiers, and telescopes.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for purchase and on-site use.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as needed.

**North Carolina Memorial Hospital**

**Low Vision Clinic**

CB7040  
617 Clinical Sciences Building  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599  
(919) 966-2061 or (919) 966-5509  
FAX: (919) 966-7908  
Henry A. Greene, O.D., Director,  
Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Orange County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Fri. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**Staff:** Genetic counselor; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

By referral within medical center.

**Rehabilitation:** By referral within medical center.

**Low Vision Aids:** Refundable return deposit for trial period; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable fee. On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment.

**Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind**

**Evaluation Unit  
North Carolina Division of  
Services for the Blind**

315 Hubert Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
(919) 833-8611  
FAX: (919) 833-5664  
W. A. Shearin, M.D.,  
Ophthalmologist  
Jerry Paul, Supervisor



**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Wake County.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation of blind, visually impaired and multiply disabled individuals.

**Funded by:** North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
(Low vision clinic on Wednesday only).

**Program Accessibility:** Meets ADA standards.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant/nurse; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologist's report or referral by North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind Rehabilitation Program. Resident of North Carolina.

**Area Served:** North Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** High school and above.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided to eligible rehabilitation clients.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By rehabilitation counselor.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Department of Human Resources**

**Division of Services for the Blind**

309 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-9700

Sally Syria, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Aging**

CB 29531

693 Palmer Drive

Raleigh, NC 27626-0531

(919) 733-3983 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 662-7030

FAX: (919) 733-0443

Bonnie Cramer, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

# NORTH DAKOTA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

600 East Boulevard Avenue  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440  
(701) 328-2277  
Robert Rutten, Special Education  
Regional Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Burleigh County.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds for visually impaired children attending local schools. Provides consultation on educational programs.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** North Dakota.

For further information, consult the Division of Special Education.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Developmental Disabilities Division

#### North Dakota Department of Human Services

600 South Second Street, Suite 1-A  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58504-5729  
(701) 328-8929  
FAX: (701) 328-8969  
Robert Graham, Part H  
Coordinator

### SCHOOLS

#### North Dakota Vision Services/ School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road  
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799  
(701) 795-2700  
FAX: (701) 795-2727  
E-mail: suminski@sendit.sendit.  
nodak.edu  
Carmen Suminski, Superintendent  
and Administrator of Vision  
Services

**Type of Agency:** State residential  
school.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$3.1 million.

**Staff:** 28 full time, including 12 full-time visually handicapped and dually certified teachers, 1 speech pathologist, 1 occupational therapist, 1 half-time physical therapist, and 17 part-time staff. Various specialists are available as consultants. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that impedes school progress.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 3-26 years.

**Health:** Low vision exams, immunizations, blood tests, and other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family, parent, couple counseling; placement in school; genetic counseling. Refers for and contracts for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Grades preschool through 12. Accepts deaf-blind; emotionally disturbed; learning disabled; mentally retarded; orthopedically handicapped; speech impaired; autistic.

Programs for general academic; prevocational and vocational.  
**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Residential:** Independent living units.

**Rehabilitation:** Adaptive leisure activities.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; swimming; track.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development. Contracts and refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Aids or devices; functional vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on loan and for purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Professional Training:** Inservice training and staff development.

Consultant services to other programs for visually impaired, multiply disabled children.

Contact local school superintendent for program information and availability.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### North Dakota Vision Services/ School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road, Suite A  
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799  
(701) 795-2700  
FAX: (701) 795-2727  
E-mail: suminski@sendit.sendit.  
nodak.edu  
Betty Bender, Media Specialist  
Carmen Suminski, Superintendent



**County/District Where Located:**

Grand Forks County.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille available on a limited basis.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

Acts as a depository for large-print and braille materials.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### University of North Dakota

Department of Special Education  
Grand Forks, ND 58202

(701) 777-3188

FAX: (701) 777-4393

E-mail: mrolson@badlands.nodak.edu

Dr. Myrna Olson, Visually Impaired Program

**County/District Where Located:**

Grand Forks County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate programs for teachers of visually impaired students.

**Distance Education:** N.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

### North Dakota State Library Services for the Disabled

604 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

(701) 328-1477

FAX: (701) 328-2040

E-mail: msmail.scone@ranch.state.nd.us

Stella Cone, Head of Services

Regional library lending talking books; cassettes, and braille books.

## TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

### North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road, Suite A  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

(701) 795-2700

FAX: (701) 795-2727

Colleen Sanford, Outreach Coordinator

Betty Bender, Contact Person

**Mission:** To provide a full range of services to the blind and visually impaired.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 28.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 180.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Distributor of talking machines.

## RADIO READING

### North Dakota State Library Services for the Disabled

604 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

(701) 328-1477

FAX: (701) 328-2040

E-mail: msmail.scone@ranch.state.nd.us

Stella Cone, Head of Services

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Area Served:** North Dakota.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

## STATE SERVICES

### Vocational Rehabilitation

#### North Dakota Department of Human Services

600 South Second Street

Dacotah Foundation Building

Bismarck, ND 58504

(701) 328-8950 or (800) 472-2622 or

TDD (701) 328-8968

FAX: (701) 328-8969

Mike Beck, Program

Administrator, Vision Services

Gene Hysjulien, Director of

Vocational Rehabilitation

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide the opportunity for individuals with disabilities to achieve productive employment and increased independence.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1921.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Braille; home management; orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement follow-up service. Contracts for and refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

### Regional Offices:

**Bismarck:** Vocational Rehabilitation, West Central Human Service Center, 600 South Second Street, Bismarck, ND 58504, (701) 328-8800, FAX (701) 328-8803.

**Devils Lake:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Lake Region Human Service Center, Highway Two West, Devils Lake, ND 58301, (701) 662-7581 or TDD (701) 662-3404, FAX (701) 662-2830.

**Dickinson:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Badlands Human Service Center, Pulver Hall, Dickinson, ND 58601-4857, (701) 227-7500, FAX (701) 227-7575.

**Fargo:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Avenue S.W., Fargo, ND 58102, (701) 298-4459 or TDD (701) 298-4450, FAX (701) 298-4400.

**Grand Forks:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Northeast Human Service Center, 1407 24th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201, (701) 795-3100 or TDD (701) 795-3060, FAX (701) 795-3050.

**Jamestown:** Vocational Rehabilitation, South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third Street N.W., P.O. Box 2055, Jamestown, ND 58402-2055, (701) 252-2641, FAX (701) 253-3033.

**Minot:** Vocational Rehabilitation, North Central Human Service Center, 400 22nd Avenue N.W., Minot, ND 58701-1080, (701) 857-8643, FAX (701) 857-8555.

**Williston:** Vocational Rehabilitation, Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Avenue West, P.O. Box 1266, Williston, ND 58802-1266, (701) 774-4600, FAX (701) 774-4620.

## REHABILITATION

### North Dakota Vision Services/ School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road  
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799  
(701) 795-2700  
Carmen Suminski, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Outreach and resource center.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Grand Forks County.

**Mission:** To provide a full range of services to persons who are blind and visually impaired, including multiple disabilities.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$3.1 million per biennium.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 28.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living skills; orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Comprehensive vocational evaluation services and training.

**Low Vision:** Functional evaluations.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Technology Center

#### North Dakota School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road  
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799  
(701) 795-2700  
FAX: (701) 795-2727  
E-mail: sowokino@sendit.sendit.nodak.edu  
Janice Sowokinos, Computer Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems; database software; closed-circuit television systems.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### North Dakota Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology

Williston Basin Eye Clinic  
1213 15th Avenue West  
Williston, ND 58801  
(701) 572-7641

John R. Herr, Jr., M.D., President

#### North Dakota Optometric Association, Inc.

204 W. Thayer Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
(701) 258-6766  
FAX: (701) 258-9005  
Virginia Corwin, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Burleigh County.

## ♦ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Aging Services Division

#### North Dakota Department of Human Services

600 South Second Street  
Suite 1C  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
(701) 328-8909 or Information &  
Referral (800) 472-2622 or Aging  
Services (800) 642-6042  
FAX: (701) 328-8969  
Linda Wright, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.



**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS****North Dakota Department of  
Human Services**

Dacotah Foundation Building  
600 South Second Street  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
(701) 328-8954 or (800) 755-2745  
Mike Beck, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# OHIO

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Ohio Department of Education Division of Special Education

933 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085-4087  
(614) 466-2650  
FAX: (614) 728-1097  
E-mail: se-herner@a1.ode.ohio.gov  
John Herner, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Mission:** Administers state funds for visually handicapped children in local public schools. Provides consultation on educational services.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

**Area Served:** Ohio.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention Services

246 North High Street  
Fifth Floor  
P.O. Box 118  
Columbus, OH 43266-0118  
(614) 644-8389  
FAX: (614) 728-9163  
Cindy Oser, Early Intervention  
Chief

Coordination of early intervention services in Ohio for disabled infants and young children birth-3 years.

### SCHOOLS

#### Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43214  
(614) 888-1325- 752-1152  
FAX: (614) 888-2158  
Raymond A. Horn, Acting  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** 127 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1837.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 130 annually.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Ohio; legal school age for visually impaired children. Recommendation for placement by school district of residence.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 3-22 years.

**Health:** Speech and hearing therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; orientation/mobility training; adaptive physical education.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies; vocational/skill development; deaf-blind programming. Education Assessment Clinic schedules and provides free multifactored assessments of visually impaired and deaf-blind children, when requested by residence school district.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; special education.

**Residential:** Cottages.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; scouting; camping; wrestling; extracurricular cheerleading; boys' and girls' track; swimming; forensics; field trips. Refers for day residential summer camp.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Assessments for enrolled students.

**Low Vision Aids:** For enrolled students.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** For enrolled students.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or John Saylor, Education Consultant, Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education, 933 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085, (614) 466-1470.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Cincinnati Association for the Blind

2045 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490  
(513) 221-8558  
FAX: (513) 221-2995  
Gina Carroll, M.S.W., Program Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Mission:** To provide services for families of young children who are visually impaired.

**Funded by:** United Way; client fees; contributions, state contract.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30AM-4:30PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.



**Staff:** Two early intervention vision specialists, social worker, orientation and mobility specialist, rehabilitation teacher available as consultants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1988.

**Number of Clients Served:** 125.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

### **Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind**

1909 East 101st Street

Cleveland, OH 44106

(216) 791-8118

FAX: (216) 791-1101

Michael E. Grady, Executive Director

Janet Stone Bard, Manager, Children and Youth Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cuyahoga County.

**Mission:** Services to visually impaired persons.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision evaluation with full agency services available; occupational, speech, and language therapy; other health services available on referral basis; other specialists available as consultants.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family counseling;

workshop for professionals and parents; parent support groups.

**Educational:** Provides consultation, training, and referral.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation, recommendation trial, and sale of vision aids.

Home- and center-based programs for children 0-5 years, with or without other disabilities.

Consultant service to other schools and programs.

### **Vision Rehabilitation Inc.**

220 Oberlin Road

Elyria, OH 44035

(216) 322-1122 or toll-free

(800) 233-6777

FAX: (216) 322-2111

Kevin E. Walter, LPC

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lorain County.

**Mission:** Education and counseling services for parents, family members, and other caregivers. Developmental assessments, training, and referral services.

**Funded by:** Client fees, government agencies' fees, contributions, United Way.

**Budget:** \$450,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Rehabilitation teachers and counselors; orientation/mobility specialist; other specialists available for consultation.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired able to benefit from services.

**Area Served:** Northern central Ohio.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and education

for parents, family, and providers; referral and advocacy.

**Educational:** Remedial and developmental services.

**Low Vision:** Clinic.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Home-based services and consultation with other programs for visually impaired and multiply disabled infants and children.

### **Wood County Office of Education**

1 Courthouse Square

Bowling Green, OH 43402

(419) 352-3933

Judy Cernkovich, Teacher/Consultant, Preschool, Visually Impaired and Blind

**Type of Agency:** Public school.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Staff:** 1 home-based preschool teacher also consults with preschool children attending existing programs.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975-76.

**Number of Clients Served:** 18.

**Area Served:** Serves children within a 60-mile radius of Bowling Green, Ohio.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through 5 or until child enters school.

**Educational:** Provides instruction, adaptations, and materials.

Home-based programs and consultation with other programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled children, 0-5 years.

## **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

### **Ohio State School for the Blind**

5220 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43214

(614) 888-1325

FAX: (614) 888-2158

Raymond A. Horn, Acting Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Age Requirements:** 0-22 years.

**Assessment:** Y.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Y.

**Parent Assistance:** Y.

**Materials Production:** Y.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### ORCLISH (Ohio Resource Center for Low Incidence and Severely Handicapped)

470 Glenmont Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43214  
(614) 262-6131 or (800) 672-5474  
FAX: (614) 262-1070  
E-mail: mary\_binion@coserrc.esu.k12.oh.us  
URL: <http://www.schoolimprovement.ode.ohio.gov/ordish/home.html>  
Mary Binion, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Area Served:** Ohio.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; educational aids; resource information.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Ohio State University School of Teaching and Learning

333 Arps Hall  
1945 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43210  
(614) 292-2437  
FAX: (614) 292-7695  
Dr. Marjorie E. Ward, Visually Handicapped Program

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of children with visual impairments.

### University of Toledo Department of Special Education Services

2801 West Bancroft Street  
Toledo, OH 43606  
(419) 530-7733  
Dr. Sakvi Malakpa, Professor of Visually Impaired

**County/District Where Located:** Lucas County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

### Cleveland Public Library Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

17121 Lake Shore Boulevard  
Cleveland, OH 44110-4006  
(216) 623-2911 or toll-free in Ohio (800) 362-1262 or TDD (216) 623-7116  
FAX: (216) 623-7036  
E-mail: [info@library.cpl.org](mailto:info@library.cpl.org)  
Barbara T. Mates, Librarian

**County/District Where Located:** Cuyahoga County.

**Funded by:** Public funds; endowment; and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 17 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Eligibility:** Service is available to anyone who cannot use regular print materials because of a visual or physical handicap.

**Area Served:** Northern Ohio, including Columbus.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Regional library lending talking books, cassettes, and braille books. Provides reference and

information referral services by telephone, mail, and in person using CD-ROM and OCR technology. Cooperates with the State Library of Ohio and other agencies to have talking book and cassette machines distributed.

### Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

800 Vine Street  
Library Square  
Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071  
(513) 369-6999 or toll-free in Ohio (800) 582-0335  
Donna Foust, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Library.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Mission:** Provide talking books, cassettes and braille books to readers.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** 6 full time; 6 full-time equivalent.

**History/Date:** Est. 1903.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,500.

**Eligibility:** Print disabled.

**Area Served:** Southern Ohio.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille books, cassette books, and tapes.

## TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

### Talking Book Program State Library of Ohio

65 South Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 644-6897 or toll-free in Ohio (800) 686-1531  
FAX: (614) 466-3584  
E-mail: [jbowl@winslo.state.oh.us](mailto:jbowl@winslo.state.oh.us)  
URL: <http://winslo.state.oh.us>  
Judith Bow, Machine Lending Information



**Type of Agency:** State library.

**Mission:** To bring library service to all residents of Ohio.

**Funded by:** State of Ohio and federal funds.

**Budget:** \$223,425.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 27,000.

**Eligibility:** Print handicapped, by application.

**Area Served:** State of Ohio.

Distributor of talking book machines and accessories.

63 machine sublending agencies throughout Ohio.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Aid to Visually Handicapped

6200 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45213  
(513) 631-2537

Phyllis Ringel, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, general books (as time allows).

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Canton Program for the Visually Handicapped

#### Canton City Schools

617 McKinley, S.W.  
Canton, OH 44707  
(330) 438-2551 or (330) 455-1010  
FAX: (330) 455-0682

Tamara Kelley, Director of Special Education

**County/District Where Located:** Stark County.

**Area Served:** Stark, Wayne, and Tuscaraway counties.

**Groups Served:** Preschool-grade 12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Dayton Public Schools

Service Building  
4280 North James H. McGee Boulevard  
Dayton, OH 45427  
(513) 276-2141  
Gerry Schooler, Librarian

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### The Sight Center of the Toledo Society for the Blind

1819 Canton Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43624-1380  
(419) 241-1183  
FAX: (419) 241-4510  
John Davies Jr., Director

**Area Served:** 21 counties in northwestern Ohio; 2 counties in southeastern Michigan.

**Groups Served:** Preschool; K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; individual requests; local newspapers.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes; large-print books; braille.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Temple Sisterhood Braille Group

6453 Sylvania Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43560  
(419) 885-3341  
FAX: (419) 882-2778  
Elaine Hershman, Chairperson, Braille Group

**County/District Where Located:** Lucas County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Literary, textbooks, personal requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Vision Center of Central Ohio

1393 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43201  
(614) 294-5571  
FAX: (614) 294-5576  
E-mail: 72630.2230@compuserve.com  
Joanna River, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Central Ohio.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Visually Handicapped Materials Center

#### Cincinnati Public Schools

2355 Iowa Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45206  
(513) 369-4617  
Elizabeth R. Collins, Materials Coordinator for the Visually Impaired

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career / vocational, academic.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books / cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **Youngstown Braille Service**

100 Wadsworth Street  
Canfield, OH 44406  
(216) 533-5989  
Al Henderson, Director

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## **RADIO READING**

### **Central Ohio Radio Reading Service**

2955 West Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43204  
(614) 464-2614  
FAX: (614) 464-2302  
Sandy Turner, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** Southeastern Ohio.

### **Cleveland Radio Reading Service**

1909 East 101th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
(216) 791-8800  
FAX: (216) 791-1101  
Lynn Brewer, Supervisor,  
Communication Services

**County/District Where Located:** Cuyahoga County.

**Funded by:** Cleveland Sight Center.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 AM-10:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Greater Cleveland area, 50 miles radius.

### **Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission**

2470 North Star Road  
Columbus, OH 43221  
(614) 644-1714  
FAX: (614) 644-3112  
Dave L. Fornshell, Executive Director  
Elmer E. Fischer, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-12:00 midnight, 7 days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

### **Radio Reading Services of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.**

317 East Fifth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 621-4545  
FAX: (513) 763-7763  
Hank Baud, Interim Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Funded by:** Ohio Educational Telecommunications, private foundations, businesses, and individuals.

**Hours of Operation:** 6:00 AM - 12:00 midnight daily.

**History/Date:** Incorporated 1977.

**Area Served:** Greater Cincinnati area, including southwestern Ohio, northern Kentucky, and southeastern Indiana.

### **Sight Center Audio Network**

1819 Canton Avenue

Toledo, OH 43624-1380  
(419) 241-1183

FAX: (419) 241-4510

E-mail: sightctr@primenet.com

Gary P. Hoffman, Directort

**Hours of Operation:** Seven days 8:00 AM-11:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1819.

**Area Served:** Northwest Ohio and southwest Michigan.

### **Written Communications Radio Service (WCRS) for the Print Handicapped**

1615 East Market Street  
Akron, OH 44305  
(330) 784-3393  
FAX: (330) 784-3698  
Marcia Jonke, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Summit County.

**Funded by:** Fund raising and minimal state aid.

**Hours of Operation:** Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; broadcast hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-10:00 PM; no Saturday broadcast; Sun. 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina, parts of Wayne, Ashland, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **Youngstown Radio Reading Service**

2747 Belmont Avenue  
Youngstown, OH 44505-1819  
(330) 759-0100  
FAX: (330) 759-0678  
E-mail: name@yrrs.oet.state.oh.us  
Mike Bosela, Program Director

**County/District Where Located:** Mahoning County.

**Funded by:** State of Ohio, United Way, Lions Club, donations.



**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
12:00 noon-12:00 midnight.

**Staff:** 2 full-time, 2 part-time, 1 intern.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties in Ohio; Mercer and Lawrence Counties in Pennsylvania.

**Age Requirements:** None.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Eastern Ohio Affiliate

644 University Avenue  
Elyria, OH 44035  
(216) 284-1487 or (800) 968-8242  
Richard Walker, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Toledo Affiliate

719 Sandralee Drive  
Toledo, OH 43612  
(419) 478-0652  
Anne DeLong, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### Prevent Blindness Ohio

1500 West Third Avenue  
Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43212-2874  
(614) 464-2020  
FAX: (614) 486-9670  
E-mail: 75300.647@compuserve.com  
Sherill K. Williams, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Franklin County.

### Local Offices:

**Cincinnati:** Southwest Ohio Chapter, 2652 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208, (513) 871-8373.

**Cleveland:** Northwest Ohio Chapter, 19929 Center Ridge Road, Cleveland, OH 44116, (216) 356-6914.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind

The Clovernook Center Opportunities for the Blind

Delta Gamma Foundation

United States Braille Chess Foundation

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired

400 East Campus View Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43235-4604  
(614) 438-1255  
FAX: (614) 438-1257  
William A. Castro, III, Director  
Robert L. Rabe, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To work in partnership with people with disabilities to assist them to achieve full community participation through employment and independent living opportunities.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$19.7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 150 (includes vocational rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation teachers, vocational development specialists, and business enterprise specialists).

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
October 1992: 5,122.

**Eligibility:** A physical or mental disability that results in a substantial handicap to employment and a reasonable expectation that vocational rehabilitation may benefit the person in terms of employability. Priority is given to persons who are legally blind.

**Area Served:** Ohio.

**Health:** Medical and eye health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling service.

**Educational:** Financial support for clients to attend technical or vocational college or a public university. Emphasis is on training to help clients become gainfully employed.

**Rehabilitation:** Contract for services.

**Employment:** Evaluation and vocational training; business enterprise programs.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Services available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for loan.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### Local Offices:

**Cincinnati:** 617 Vine Street, Suite 905, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2423, (513) 852-3223.

**Cleveland:** 310 Lakeside Avenue West, Second Floor, Cleveland, OH 44113-1000, (216) 787-3375.

**Columbus:** 3333 Indianola Avenue, Suite 402, Columbus, OH 43214-4192, (614) 466-7730.

**Toledo:** 5533 Southwyck Boulevard, Suite 101, Toledo, OH 43614-1592, (419) 866-5811.

## REHABILITATION

### Akron Blind Center and Workshop

325 East Market Street

Akron, OH 44304

(330) 253-2555

FAX: (330) 762-1313

Cindy Darin, Executive Director  
Joseph Giovanni, Workshop Director

**Type of Agency:** Rehabilitation services and workshop.

**County/District Where Located:** Summit County.

**Mission:** To ensure a better quality of life for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Private grants and donations.

**Budget:** \$375,000.

#### Hours of Operation:

Rehabilitation services and activities: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00AM-3:00PM. Workshop: Mon.-Fri. 7:30AM-3:30PM.

**Staff:** School: 17 part-time teachers; 3 part-time non-teaching staff. Workshop: 4 full time.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,400, talking book program. 120, rehabilitation services. 125, workers at the workshop.

**Eligibility:** Talking book program, visually impaired or physically disabled. Rehabilitation services, legally blind. Workshop, legally blind.

**Area Served:** Summit County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Educational:** Braille, basic computer training, independent living skills.

**Reading:** Audio library and books recorded upon request.

**Rehabilitation:** Workshop and classes.

**Recreational:** Field trips, volunteer opportunities, supervised and unsupervised games and activities.

**Employment:** Workshop and training.

**Computer Training:** Basic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Magnifiers, talking calculators.

#### Local Offices:

**Akron:** Workshop, 25 North Fir Street, Akron, OH 44304, (303) 762-1313.

### Cincinnati Association for the Blind

2045 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490

(513) 221-8558

FAX: (513) 221-2995

Hank E. Baud, Ed.D., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Mission:** To provide services for blind and visually impaired persons to develop skills for independent living.

**Funded by:** Fees, United Way, capital income, contributions, fees from government agencies.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Building is fully accessible.

**Staff:** 39 full time, 1 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1910.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,800 annually.

**Eligibility:** Vision loss that interferes with normal functioning.

**Area Served:** Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Low vision services. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individualized assessment; individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies. Information and referral.

**Preschools:** Early childhood intervention service (community based).

**Professional Training:** Internships and field work placements in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, social work.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record player and cassette player.

**Rehabilitation:** Community-based instruction in personal and home management; braille and other communication skills; orientation / mobility.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts as part of rehabilitation teaching. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

**Computer Training:** Training on applications and computer access technology; job site modulations.

**Low Vision:** Prescription and instruction in use of low vision aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on trial basis; available for purchase after evaluation; instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As indicated.



**Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind**

1909 East 101st Street  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
(216) 791-8118  
FAX: (216) 791-1101  
Michael E. Grady, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cuyahoga County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Fees; United Way; capital income; contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 88 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200 new and reopened cases each year; 13,000 preschool children screened yearly.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Primarily Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and parts of Medina and Summit Counties; other parts of Ohio and neighboring states for some programs.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Glaucoma and amblyopia screening and referral; audiology testing; diabetic education and counseling; refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family, parent, and couple counseling; and referral to other community services; consultation. Senior to senior peer support program.

**Educational:** Educational consultation, orientation/mobility in schools. Summer pre-college

and vocational training program, including assessment, counseling and remedial classes for high school juniors and seniors.

**Preschools:** Home- and center-based early intervention program for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation teaching; regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record and cassette players. Information and referral; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; radio reading services; lending library.

**Residential:** On-site apartments for in-training students.

**Rehabilitation:** Counseling; activities of daily living; orientation/mobility; adaptive communications; college prep and vocational readiness program; STORER Computer Access Center and closed circuit televisions; aids and appliances shop. Services for school-age children and early intervention preschool program.

Community rehabilitation for seniors. Deaf-blind services. Diabetes education/counseling for individuals with both diabetes and vision loss; office skills training program.

**Recreational:** Residential summer camp; full recreational therapy program.

**Employment:** Food service training and snack bar employment. Vocational counseling and consultation. Refers to other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Introduction to a variety of access software and

hardware through STORER Computer Access Center.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Recommendation and sale of aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** 3 months after visit.

Outreach offices in five suburbs.

**Cleveland Skilled Industries**

2239 East 55th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
(216) 431-8085 or (216) 431-8234  
FAX: (216) 431-5123  
Brad E. Sommerfelt, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit vocational rehabilitation agency.

**Mission:** To provide training and work opportunities for visually impaired persons in the Cleveland area.

**Funded by:** Self-supporting.

**Budget:** \$1,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 6:45 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1980.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 100.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, 16 years of age and older.

**Area Served:** Greater Cleveland.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 16 and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counselors on staff make referrals to outside direct sources.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational.

**Employment:** In-house workshop provides full-time employment opportunities.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation, referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Adaptive aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**The Clovernook Center  
Opportunities for the Blind**

7000 Hamilton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45231  
(513) 522-3860  
FAX: (513) 728-3946  
E-mail: clovernook@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.clovernook.org>  
Marvin Kramer, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Mission:** Provide visually impaired persons, particularly those with multiple handicaps, with services and training necessary for the attainment and maintenance of each individual's optimal level of independence.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, capital income, contributions, fees.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 32 full time, 12 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1903.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, legally blind.

**Area Served:** Services provided locally. Referrals accepted from the United States and other countries.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Some health services. Refers to community for primary care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group counseling; case management; referral to community services.

**Preschools:** Cooperative venture with local school district provides preschool services to disabled and non-disabled students; Head Start Program.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; rehabilitation teaching.

**Residential:** Provide supported living program, training, and maintenance services for community living. Assessment center for supported living program.

**Rehabilitation:** Programs include: training and counseling; supported living program; vocational services program; summer program for youth; community-based instruction. Services offered: personal management (i.e. self-care, eating skills, telling time); communication skills (i.e. braille, typing, handwriting, listening skills, CCTV and computer assistance); homemaking/management; orientation and mobility; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Individualized leisure programming with emphasis on community participation.

**Employment:** Vocational counseling; transitional work services; job coaching; job development; work adjustment sheltered workshop.

**Low Vision:** Referral to community low vision clinic with follow-up by Clovernook staff.

**Fairfield Regional Vision  
Rehabilitation Center**

784 East Main Street  
Lancaster, OH 43130  
(614) 687-4785  
FAX: (614) 687-4541  
Kathy Moos, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Fairfield County.

**Mission:** To promote independence for individuals with visual impairments.

**Funded by:** United Way; Lions Clubs; client fees; donations; Title XX; endowment funds; grants;

Passport; Rehabilitation Services Commission.

**Budget:** \$157,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and by appointment.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that interferes with independent functioning.

**Area Served:** Southeastern Ohio.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages served.

**Health:** Adult and preschool vision screenings; literature and guest speakers; referrals for financial assistance with cost of medical care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups and referral.

**Preschools:** Vision screenings.

**Reading:** Talking book cassette and record players; radio reading service; closed circuit televisions.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching in clients' homes.

**Recreational:** Therapeutic activities for socialization.

**Employment:** Job development and placement; job coaching.

**Low Vision:** Functional low vision evaluations; electronic magnification evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assessment and provision of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

**Professional Training:** Provide staff in-services.

**Goodwill Industries of Dayton**  
1511 Kuntz Road



Dayton, OH 45404

(937) 461-4800

FAX: (937) 461-2112

William Jessee, President

Jerome Motter, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Montgomery County.

**Mission:** To expand quality services for people with barriers to independence.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales and sub-contracts, United Way, contributions, and fees.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:45 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 50 full time, 15 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,100 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually, physically, mentally, or emotionally disadvantaged.

**Area Served:** Montgomery, Greene, Logan, Miami, Shelby, Darke, and Preble counties.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Consultation and referral service; group work; psychological testing.

**Educational:** Literacy and GED program.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; work adjustment; orientation/mobility training; rehabilitation teaching.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; work activities center.

**Computer Training:** Business skills with current software applications.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells aids and appliances.

### **Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center**

10600 Springfield Pike

Cincinnati, OH 45215

(513) 771-4800

FAX: (513) 771-4959

Joseph S. Byrum, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Hamilton County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, and United Way.

**Staff:** 60 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1916.

**Eligibility:** Any handicap.

**Area Served:** Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 16 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Consultation and referral service; group work; psychological testing.

**Residential:** Facilities for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management.

**Recreational:** Social activities.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; vocational placement; follow-up service; sheltered workshop; watch school; clerical and janitorial training.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and office technology.

### **Philomatheon Society of the Blind, Inc.**

2810 Tuscarawas Street West

Canton, OH 44708

(330) 453-9157

Gerald Dessecker, President

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:**

Stark County.

**Funded by:** Private contributions.

**Staff:** 2 full time, 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1924.

**Eligibility:** Totally and legally blind only. Cannot accept diabetics or epilepsy patients. Clients in residential facilities must be able to navigate stairs.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players.

**Residential:** Boarding home for adults.

### **Samuel W. Bell Home for Sightless, Inc.**

1507 Elm Street

Cincinnati, OH 45210

(513) 241-0720

FAX: (513) 241-2560

Louis A. Hoff, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Hamilton County.

**Mission:** Services for legally blind persons.

**Funded by:** Endowments and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8.

**History/Date:** Est. 1925.

**Number of Clients Served:** 22.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; must be able to care for themselves.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18.

Residential facilities for legally blind men, women, and couples.

### **The Sight Center of the Toledo Society for the Blind**

1819 Canton Avenue

Toledo, OH 43624-1380

(419) 241-1183

FAX: (419) 241-4510

John Davies, Jr., Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide services that maximize the independence of individuals who are visually impaired and blind and minimize the incidence of visual impairment.

**Funded by:** United Way, fees, donations, endowment, and Lions Clubs.

**Budget:** \$750,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 14 full time, 10 part time; more than 650 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1923.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 30,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; visually impaired. Prevention of blindness services available to general public.

**Area Served:** 21 counties of northwestern Ohio, 2 counties of southeastern Michigan.

**Health:** Vision screening (preschool; school age; adult glaucoma); industrial eye safety, prevention of blindness programs, low income eye clinics.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, family, peer, and group counseling; information and referral.

**Educational:** Children's services.

**Preschools:** Children's services, vision stimulation.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training program for universities, hospitals, interns, nursing homes, and related institutions.

**Reading:** Talking book distribution and repair center; reading services including radio reading service; braille and large-print transcription and duplication; closed-circuit

televisions; Optacon and Kurzweil Reading Machine.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; children's educational specialist.

**Computer Training:** Computer evaluation and training.

**Low Vision:** Vision rehabilitation services, low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribes spectacles; provides low vision aids training; sells aids and appliances.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Performed by medical, rehabilitation, and technology staff.

#### **Sight Society of Ohio, Inc.**

3603 Washington Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45229  
(513) 221-2775  
William Poole, Board Member

**Funded by:** Contributions and earnings.

**History/Date:** Est. 1929.

**Area Served:** Greater Cincinnati.

#### **Vision Center of Central Ohio**

1393 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43201  
(614) 294-5571  
FAX: (614) 294-5576  
E-mail: 72630.2230@compuserve.com  
Joanna River, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, sub-contracts, United Way.

**Budget:** \$2.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1927.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500 per year.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that constitutes a handicap to employment.

**Area Served:** State of Ohio.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers for some eye health services.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in institution. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; psychological evaluation. Short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record player and cassette player. Information and referral.

**Residential:** Dormitory for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory perception; homebound teaching service.

**Employment:** Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; work adjustment. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies on other employment-oriented services. Job-seeking skills training; clerical training.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic serving all age groups.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.



**Local Offices:**

**Columbus:** Vision Center Industries, 3232 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211, (614) 261-9816.

**Vision Rehabilitation Inc.**

220 Oberlin Road  
Elyria, OH 44035  
(216) 322-1122 or (800) 233-6777  
FAX: (216) 322-2111  
Kevin E. Walter, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lorain County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Fees, United Way, endowment funds, gifts, and contracted fees.

**Budget:** \$450,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 9 full time, and contract rehabilitation professionals. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired of all ages able to benefit from services.

**Area Served:** Northern Ohio.

**Health:** Vision screenings for preschool and adult populations; glaucoma testing. Provides educational seminars on a variety of topics including diseases of the eye and aids and appliances for individuals with diabetes.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Case management; advocacy; referral to community services; referral for other counseling/social work services;

job placement and employer consultation services.

**Educational:** In-school consultation and rehabilitation training.

**Preschools:** Early intervention services.

**Professional Training:** Internship and fieldwork placements in orientation/mobility, rehabilitation teaching, and social work.

**Reading:** Lends talking book machines and cassette players as a subleasing agency. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility; functional assessment and training. Low vision services; electronic applications assessment and training; occupational services at the job site; job placement.

**Recreational:** Tandem bicycling.

**Employment:** Job placement and training services.

**Computer Training:** Adaptive systems for IBM-compatible computers.

**Low Vision:** Full clinic and community-based services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Comprehensive lending library and catalog sales.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Vocational Guidance Services**

2239 East 55th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
(216) 431-7800 or (800) 227-6625  
FAX: (216) 431-5123  
Edward J. Jeschelnig, Case Services Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To furnish all visually impaired people with tools needed to participate in competitive employment.

**Budget:** \$11,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 98.

**History/Date:** Est. 1890.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100 per year.

**Eligibility:** Documented disability.

**Area Served:** Northeastern Ohio.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 17 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** All services available.

**Rehabilitation:** Y.

**Employment:** Clerical and other employment training.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS****Cincinnati Association for the Blind**

2045 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490  
(513) 221-8558  
FAX: (513) 221-2995  
Mark Foersterling, Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

**Ohio State School for the Blind**

5220 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43214  
(614) 888-1325  
E-mail: wbolsen@ossb.odc.ohio.gov  
William Bolsen, Contact Person

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character

recognition systems; word processing; training for instructors.

**STORER Computer Access Center**  
**Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society of the Blind**

1909 East 101th Street  
 Cleveland, OH 44106  
 (216) 791-8118  
 FAX: (216) 791-1101  
 Michael Grady, Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

**Vision Center of Central Ohio**

1393 North High Street  
 Columbus, OH 43201  
 (614) 294-5571  
 FAX: (614) 294-5576  
 E-mail: 72630.2230@compuserve.com  
 Jo Ann Slagle, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

**DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**

**Pilot Dogs, Inc.**

625 West Town Street  
 Columbus, OH 43215-4496  
 (614) 221-6367  
 J. Jay Gray, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**Mission:** Provides guide dogs to blind persons and renders training in the satisfactory use of such guide dogs.

**Funded by:** Lions Club, Pilot Guide Dog Foundation, general public.

**Budget:** \$890,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 28.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948; inc. 1950.

**Number of Clients Served:** 155 per year.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; physically and mentally capable.

**Area Served:** United States, Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** High school.

Trains and supplies dog guides for blind persons. Provides consultation and referral services. Has public education program.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**Ohio Ophthalmological Society**

1500 Lake Shore Drive  
 Columbus, OH 43204-3891  
 (614) 486-2401  
 FAX: (614) 486-3130  
 Todd Baker, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Ohio Optometric Association, Inc.**

169 East Livingston Avenue  
 Columbus, OH 43215  
 (614) 224-2600 or (800) 874-9111  
 Earl K. Green

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**Cincinnati Association for the Blind**

2045 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45202-1490  
 (513) 221-8558  
 FAX: (513) 221-2995  
 Susan Kimbrough, Low Vision Supervisor

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Client fees, contributions, United Way, fees from government agencies.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Building is fully accessible.

**Staff:** Optometrists; low vision specialists; social worker; orientation/mobility specialists; rehabilitation teacher; computer specialist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1910.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Vision loss that interferes with normal functioning.

**Area Served:** Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

**Health:** Glaucoma screenings; refers for other health services.

**Low Vision:** Prescription and instruction in use of low vision aids and devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on trial; available for purchase after evaluation; instruction provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As indicated.

**Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind**

1909 East 101st Street  
 Cleveland, OH 44106  
 (216) 791-8118  
 FAX: (216) 791-1101  
 Barbara Tomko, Director,  
 Community and Social Services  
 Robert V. Spurney, M.D., Medical Director



**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Cuyahoga County.  
**Funded by:** Client fees on a sliding scale; contributions; Medicare; Medicaid; state fees; public school systems.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., by appointment.  
**Staff:** 2 optometrists; 1 low vision specialist.  
**Number of Clients Served:** 600 annually.  
**Eligibility:** Vision loss.  
**Area Served:** Unlimited.  
**Educational:** Provides consultation, training, and referral.  
**Low Vision:** Evaluation, recommendation, and trial, sale of vision aids.  
**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for trial; on-site training provided; follow-up.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** 3 months.

**Greater Akron Low Vision Clinic**  
 33 North Union Street  
 Akron, OH 44304-1318  
 (330) 996-4080  
 FAX: (330) 996-4181  
 Dr. Cheryl J. Reed, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Summit County.  
**Mission:** Provides assessment, training, and adaptive aids to assist visually impaired individuals of all ages to function in home, work, and school environments.  
**Funded by:** Fees for service.  
**Hours of Operation:** Tues.-Thurs. 9:00AM-5:00PM.  
**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.  
**Staff:** 4.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1994.  
**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Area Served:** Northeastern Ohio.  
**Low Vision:** Evaluation, referral, rehabilitation.  
**Low Vision Aids:** Available for loan or purchase; training in use of aids.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Ohio State University College of Optometry**

**Low Vision Clinic**  
 320 West Tenth Avenue  
 Columbus, OH 43210  
 (614) 292-1222  
 FAX: (614) 688-5603  
 Greg Good, O.D., Ph.D., Director

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.  
**Funded by:** State funds.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.  
**Staff:** Optometrist; residents; ophthalmologists.  
**Eligibility:** Referrals from previous doctor.  
**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment in 6 months as necessary.

### **Vision Rehabilitation Inc.**

220 Oberlin Road  
 Elyria, OH 44035  
 (216) 322-1122 or toll-free  
 (800) 233-6777  
 FAX: (216) 322-2111  
 Kevin E. Walter, LPC

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:** Lorain County.  
**Mission:** Personal adjustment and occupational rehabilitation services for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages.  
**Funded by:** Client fees, government agencies' fees, contributions, United Way.

**Budget:** \$450,000.  
**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.  
**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.  
**Staff:** Optometrist; rehabilitation social worker; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor; employment consultant.  
**History/Date:** Est. 1941.  
**Eligibility:** Visually impaired able to benefit from services.  
**Area Served:** North central Ohio.  
**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referral services.  
**Preschools:** Early intervention program.  
**Employment:** Placement and on-the-job support services.  
**Computer Training:** Speech, large print and braille systems; skills assessment and training.  
**Low Vision:** Clinic.  
**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for trial period; available for purchase; community-based training and follow-up procedure.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Ohio Department of Aging**  
 50 West Broad Street  
 Ninth Floor  
 Columbus, OH 43266-0501  
 (614) 466-5500 or Golden Buck-eye Card, discount program (800) 422-1976  
 FAX: (614) 466-5741  
 Judith Brachman, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS****Rehabilitation Services****Commission****Bureau of Services for the  
Visually Impaired**

400 East Campus View Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43235

(614) 438-1255

William A. Castro, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# OKLAHOMA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Oklahoma State Department of Education

##### Special Education Services

Oliver Hodge Memorial Education Building  
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599  
(405) 521-3351

FAX: (405) 522-3503

Darla Griffin, Special Education Section Director

Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator

Dr. Jill Burroughs, Coordinator of Preschool Handicapped,  
(405) 521-3351

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Oklahoma County.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending public schools. Provides consultation and in-service training for public schools. Distributes large type books through Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Provides resource and program information through state coordinator.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Area Served:** Oklahoma.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or contact State office.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention

##### Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

4545 North Lincoln Boulevard Suite 114

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(405) 521-4016, ext. 111

FAX: (405) 524-0417

E-mail: pdunkelgod@oklasof.state.ok.us

Patrice Dunkelgod, ICC Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Oklahoma County.

Provides planning and coordination for the implementation of early childhood intervention services for Oklahoma infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with developmental delays and disabilities. Does not provide direct services.

#### Oklahoma State Department of Education

##### Special Education Services/ Sooner Start Program

Oliver Hodge Memorial Education Building

2500 North Lincoln Boulevard

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

(405) 521-4880

FAX: (405) 522-3503

Cathy Perri, Early Intervention Administrator

**County/District Where Located:** Oklahoma County.

Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, birth to 3 years. Home-based programs. To be eligible, a child must have one of the following: 50 percent delay in one area, 25 percent delay in two or more areas, or diagnosed syndrome that may result in delay.

### SCHOOLS

#### Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street

Muskogee, OK 74403

(918) 682-6641

FAX: (918) 682-1651

E-mail: osb@ok.azalea.net

Garold Conn, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Muskogee County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically disabled, and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$4,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 133 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1897.

**Number of Clients Served:** 410.

**Eligibility:** Educable; resident of the state with a visual impairment not adequately served in school district.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Audiology services; speech therapy. On-campus dental, pediatric, ophthalmological and physical therapy. Referrals for other services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school.

**Educational:** Preschool through grade 12. Programs for college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development.

**Preschools:** Located at Oklahoma School for the Blind.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral.

**Residential:** Dormitories, on-site apartments.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training; computer training.

**Recreational:** After-school programs; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; modified games; archery; weight lifting; goal ball.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending facility training; work-study. Refers for vocational placement.

**Computer Training:** Access. At all levels, literacy training for all students.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service. Sells or lends low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Some provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Low vision clinic once a week.

Contact local school superintendent for information or Rex S. Howard, State Coordinator, Special Education Services, 2500 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-3351.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Little Light House, Inc.

5120 East 36th Street  
Tulsa, OK 74135-5228  
(918) 664-6746  
FAX: (918) 664-2293  
Marcia Mitchell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Tulsa County.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Budget:** 1992-93: \$720,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 30 full time (occupational/speech therapists, special educators).

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Eligibility:** Physical or mental disability.

**Area Served:** Tulsa and surrounding areas.

**Age Requirements:** 0-6 years.

**Preschools:** Serving deaf, blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Professional Training:** Vocational special education.

**Reading:** Braille and large-print books.

Developmental center for disabled children. Nonresidential day program.

### Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)

3300 Gibson Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-6641  
FAX: (918) 682-1651  
E-mail: osb@ok.azalea.net  
Garold Conn, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State residential school.

**County/District Where Located:** Muskogee County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, visually impaired, and multiply disabled students.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 monies; private donations; income from capital funds; state funds.

**Budget:** \$3,900,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., 24 hours; closed weekends.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Includes teachers of visually impaired students, early childhood specialists, orientation/mobility specialists, social workers, physical therapists, and psychologist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1907.

**Number of Clients Served:** 105.

**Eligibility:** Residents of Oklahoma.

**Area Served:** Oklahoma.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Low vision exams; immunizations; adaptive equipment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling. Other consultants' services to parents.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Self-contained classes for visually impaired and for multiply impaired children, aged 3-5.

**Professional Training:** In-service training provided during school year.

**Reading:** Reading specialist.

**Residential:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Visual services and vocational counseling.

**Recreational:** Y.

**Employment:** Prevocational training and work experience.

**Computer Training:** Computer lab.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic held once per week.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided by staff and low vision clinic.



Consultant services to other programs on request for visually impaired infants, 0-2 years, with or without other disabilities.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### **Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)**

3300 Gibson Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-6641  
FAX: (918) 682-1651  
E-mail: osb@ok.azalea.net  
Mary Sue Oxtoby, Outreach Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Muskogee County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984 (Outreach Program)/School 1897.

**Age Requirements:** Infancy to 21 years.

**Assessment:** Provided on campus at no charge. Low vision, psychoeducational; orientation and mobility; physical therapy; speech and language; audiological; academic; daily living skills; developmental.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request. Professionals come to Parkview for observation and training. Outreach Coordinator will go to schools on request.

**Direct Service:** Resources and consultation on-site; observation; functional vision assessment.

**Parent Assistance:** Provides information by telephone and mail. Workshops and conferences on campus for training purposes; observation of classrooms; demonstration of equipment and techniques.

**Materials Production:** Limited braille materials.

**Professional Training:** Conferences and in-service training in teaching braille;

orientation and mobility; early childhood intervention; daily living skills; low vision adaptation; computer technology.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

300 N.E. 18th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 521-3514 or (405) 521-3833  
FAX: (405) 521-4582  
Geraldine Adams, Director  
Paul Adams, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Public funds administered under the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 25.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Area Served:** Oklahoma.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, cassette tapes, talking book machines and repair service.

#### **Special Services Tulsa City-County Library System**

1520 North Hartford  
Tulsa, OK 74106  
(918) 596-7920 or (918) 596-7922 or TDD (918) 596-7922  
FAX: (918) 596-7283  
Amy Stephens, Librarian

Subregional library.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### **Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

300 N.E. 18th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 521-3514  
FAX: (405) 521-4582  
Geraldine Adams, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Oklahoma County.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; any requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes; Large Print textbooks.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### **Prevent Blindness Oklahoma**

6 N.E. 63rd Street, #150  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 848-7123  
FAX: (405) 848-6935

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Narrative Television Network

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Visual Services Division Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services**

3535 N.W. 58th Street  
Suite 500

Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
(405) 951-3494  
FAX: (405) 951-3529  
Raymond Hopkins, Visual Services  
Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1920.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Health:** Contracts for health services.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching; orientation and mobility training.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; vocational placement; vending facility training. Contracts for other employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Has low vision aids or devices.

**Local Offices:**

**Ada:** 1628 East Beverly, Ada, OK 74820, (405) 436-2430.

**Chickasha:** 1000 Choctaw, Suite 2, Plaza North Shopping Center, Chickasha, OK 73018, (405) 222-0685.

**Enid:** 528 North Van Buren, Enid, OK 73702, (405) 233-6514.

**Idabel:** 513 E. Washington, Idabel, OK 74745, (405) 286-3789.

**Lawton:** 1332 N.W. 53rd Street, Lawton, OK 73505, (405) 355-0127.

**McAlester:** 321 South Third, Suite 7B, McAlester, OK 74501, (918) 423-1296.

**Muskogee:** 727 South 32nd, Muskogee, OK 74402, (918) 686-0488.

**Oklahoma City:** 300 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-3873 (Library for the Blind).

**Oklahoma City:** 608 Stanton L. Young Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, (405) 271-6632.

**Oklahoma City:** Evaluation Center, 5813 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, (405) 636-0140.

**Oklahoma City:** Vending Facility Warehouse, 300 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-3723.

**Oklahoma City:** 5813 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, (405) 636-0140.

**Stillwater:** 522 South Ramsey, Stillwater, OK 74076, (405) 372-2017.

**Tulsa:** 444 South Houston, Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74127-8990, (918) 581-2352.

**Tulsa:** 130 North Greenwood, Suite T-8, Tulsa, OK 74120, (918) 587-3453.

**Vinita:** Eastern State Hospital, Building 8 East, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5509.

**Weatherford:** 1401 Lera Drive, Suite 204, Weatherford, OK 73096, (405) 772-5805.

**Woodward:** 1611 Main, Suite 204, Woodward, OK 73801, (405) 256-2565.

## REHABILITATION

**Oklahoma League for the Blind**  
P.O. Box 24020

Oklahoma City, OK 73124  
(405) 232-4644

FAX: (405) 236-5438

Nasir Ahmed, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Fees, workshop sales, sub-contracts, miscellaneous.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:15 AM-3:45 PM.

**Staff:** 12 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment; 18 years or older.

**Area Served:** Oklahoma.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; job placement within the agency. Provides consultation to other agencies for some employment services.

**Computer Training:** Some on-the-job training.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

**Parkview School (Oklahoma School for the Blind)**

3300 Gibson Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-6641

FAX: (918) 682-1651

E-mail: osb@ok.azalea.net

Jeanne Meyer, Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** Muskogee County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen



magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; database software.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Oklahoma State Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

The Enid Eye, Inc.  
615 East Oklahoma, Suite 101  
Enid, OK 73701  
(405) 233-4711  
FAX: (405) 233-1532  
Charles A. Lawrence, M.D.,  
President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Garfield County.

#### Oklahoma Optometric Association

4545 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Suite 105  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 524-1075  
FAX: (405) 524-1077  
Saundra Gragg, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### College of Optometry Northeastern State University

Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-5511, ext. 4014 or  
(918) 458-3160 clinic  
FAX: (918) 458-2104  
E-mail:

edmondso@cherokee.nsuok.  
edu  
Linda Edmondson, A.M., O.D.,  
Director of Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Cherokee County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optician; optometrist;  
optometry student; psychologist;  
social worker.

**Eligibility:** No restrictions  
(priority given to Indian Health  
Service eligible patients).

**Area Served:** Northeastern  
Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sold at cost;  
prescribed and fitted for variable  
charge; on-site or in-home training  
provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies  
according to patient.

#### Dean A. McGee Eye Institute

608 Stanton L. Young Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104  
(405) 271-6060  
FAX: (405) 271-4442  
Gary W. Harris, M.D., Director,  
Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees; county,  
state, federal funds; foundation  
grants; personal donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic  
technician. Through ancillary staff  
of McGee Eye Institute and  
Oklahoma Department of Human  
Services: optician; orientation/  
mobility instructor; rehabilitation  
teacher; rehabilitation counselor.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for  
purchase; on-site training  
provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return  
appointment.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Aging Services Division Oklahoma Department of Human Services

312 N.E. 28th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 521-2327 or (800) 211-2116  
FAX: (405) 521-2086  
Roy Keen, Division Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### State Department of Rehabilitation

##### Visual Services Division

3535 Northwest 58 Street  
Suite 500  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112-4812  
(405) 951-3400 or (800) 845-8476  
FAX: (405) 951-3529  
Linda Parker, Director  
Ray Hopkins, Administrator

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# OREGON

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Oregon Department of Education

255 Capitol Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3598  
FAX: (503) 373-7968  
E-mail: jane.mulholland@state.or.us

Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent, Special Schools/Regional Programs  
Marilyn Gense, Program Specialist

**Mission:** Through eight regional programs, provides supplemental state funds for the education of children who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, deaf-blind, orthopedically impaired, or have autism or severe health impairments. Offers consultation to local school districts and specialized instruction and related services to children. Lends special education material, including braille and large type books, tape, tape recorders, talking books, and talking book machines, needed for the education of visually impaired children. Offers reading service.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Staff:** Teachers of visually impaired students, orientation and mobility teachers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800.

**Eligibility:** Meet Oregon eligibility criteria for visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help groups.

For information about local facilities, consult the Department of Education at the above address.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education Programs

#### Oregon Department of Education

Public Service Building  
255 Capitol Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3598

FAX: (503) 373-7968

Jane Mulholland, Early Childhood Coordinator  
Valerie Miller-Case, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

Provides early intervention programs for children 0-5 years of age.

### SCHOOLS

#### Oregon Office of Special Education

#### Services to Children and Youth with Deafblindness

255 Capitol Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3598

FAX: (503) 373-7968

E-mail: jay.gense@state.or.us  
D. Jay Gense, State Coordinator/  
Specialist for Deaf-Blind

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide technical assistance and support to educational programs serving children who are deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Title VI-C.

**Staff:** 9 part time.

**Number of Clients Served:** approximately 90.

**Eligibility:** Eligible as both visually and hearing impaired according to Oregon Administrative Rule eligibility criteria.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

Consultant services to programs for deaf-blind children, 0-22 years; services provided from program to local education agency / state schools and other agencies serving deaf-blind persons.

#### Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.  
Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 378-3820

FAX: (503) 373-7537  
Ann Hicks, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** 1992-93 school year: \$2,589,991.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. School closes one weekend per month.

**Staff:** 55 full time, 15 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1873.

**Number of Clients Served:** 52 residential, 345 outreach.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; resident of Oregon where no local educational/training program is appropriate.

**Area Served:** State of Oregon.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Low vision service; physical therapy; general health services; refers for specific health problems; vision stimulation.



**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, family / parent counseling. Consultation for behavioral programs.

**Educational:** Preschool through grade 6 for general academic studies. Transition program for high school through age 21.

**Preschools:** Provided through regional programs.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for staff; internships and practice in cooperation with universities.

**Reading:** Y.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; closed circuit television; orientation / mobility; sensory training; remedial work skills; prevocational education.

**Recreational:** Services include swimming; bowling; social situations; community resources. Summer programs and student assessment for public school youngsters.

**Employment:** Work experience on and off campus provided.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Mission:** Home-based programs and consultant services for preschool visually impaired / multiply impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Various federal funds and state general fund.

**Staff:** Certified teachers of visually impaired students plus orientation / mobility specialists.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Low vision exams; adaptive equipment; various health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling and workshops; genetic counseling; other social services.

**Educational:** Provides direct instruction or consultation / referral in all developmental areas; scholarships for regular preschool attendance. Itinerant model for consultative and direct instruction to children.

#### **Regional Offices:**

**Region I:** Eastern Oregon Regional Program, 10100 North McAllister Road, Island City, OR 97850-2193, (541) 963-4106, Lenny Williams, Coordinator.

**Region II:** Central Oregon Regional Program, 520 N.W. Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701, (541) 383-6845, Kathy Emerson, Coordinator.

**Region III:** Southern Oregon Regional Program, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501, (503) 776-8556, Paul Rickerson, Coordinator.

**Region IV:** Cascade Regional Program, 905 Fourth Avenue, S.E., Albany, OR 97321, (503) 967-8822, Lila Kuykendall, Coordinator.

**Region V:** Mid-Oregon Regional Program, 3400 Portland Road, N.E., Salem, OR 97303, (503) 588-6677, Maureen Casey, Coordinator.

**Region VI:** Columbia Regional Program, 531 S.E. 14th Street, Portland, OR 97214, (503) 916-5840, Bob Crebo, Coordinator.

**Region VII:** Lane Regional Program, 1200 Highway 99 North, Eugene, OR 97402, (541) 461-8264, Carol Knobbe, Coordinator.

**Region VIII:** Northwest Regional ESD, 5825 Northeast Ray Circle, Hillsboro, OR 97124, (503) 690-5428, Bud Moore, Coordinator.

Preschool services provided through regional programs. For information, contact: Assistant Superintendent, Special Schools / Regional Programs, Oregon Department of Education, Salem, OR 97310, (503) 378-3598.

#### **Oregon School for the Blind**

700 Church Street, S.E.  
Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 378-3820  
FAX: (503) 373-7537  
Ann Hicks, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Mission:** Programs for children who are visually impaired or multiply disabled.

**Funded by:** Private donations and state funds.

**Staff:** 49 full time; 25 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1873.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, ages 0-5.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5.

**Health:** Low vision exams; auditory training, immunizations, and blood tests available on consultant or referral basis; adaptive equipment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Genetic counseling; parent

## **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

### **Oregon Department of Education**

255 Capitol Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3598  
FAX: (503) 373-7968  
E-mail: jane.molholland@state.or.us  
Jane Molholland, Assistant Superintendent, Special Schools / Regional Programs  
Marilyn Gense, Program Specialist  
**Type of Agency:** State.

and other counseling; financial assistance.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Noncategorical classrooms for visually impaired/multiply disabled children.

**Preschools:** None on campus. Provides funds for preschool attendance in local district.

**Reading:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Services provided through 6 regional program offices of the Oregon Department of Education and through the School for the Blind.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Oregon School for the Blind

700 Church Street, S.E.  
Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 378-3820  
FAX: (503) 373-7537  
Ann Hicks, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Funded by:** State funds; private donations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1873.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21.

**Assessment:** Technology; day/living skills; orientation and mobility; functional vision; Low Vision clinic.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Referrals.

**Direct Service:** On-campus services.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent workshops (both in-house and traveling); provide parent training materials.

**Materials Production:** On a limited basis.

**Professional Training:** In-service workshops held at school.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Independent Living Resources

4506 S. E. Belmont  
Suite 100  
Portland, OR 97215  
(503) 232-7411 or TDD (503) 232-8408  
FAX: (503) 232-7480  
Thomas Ciesielski, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, cassettes, large print.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Oregon Text and Media Center for the Visually Handicapped

531 S.E. 14th Street  
Portland, OR 97214  
(503) 916-5840, ext. 421  
FAX: (503) 916-6224  
E-mail: larrybrown@aol.com  
Larry Brown, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** Birth-K; K-12; postgraduate school-aged students.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes; large-print books; educational aids.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Portland State University Department of Special Education

P.O. Box 751  
Portland, OR 97207  
(503) 725-4686  
FAX: (503) 725-5599  
E-mail: shelly@ed.pdx.edu  
Dr. Joel Arick

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) programs for teachers of visually impaired and deaf-blind students.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

### Oregon State Library Talking Book and Braille Services

250 Winter Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3849 or toll-free in Oregon (800) 452-0292  
FAX: (503) 588-7119  
Mary Mohr, Operations Coordinator  
Nanc Ripperda, Machine Lending Agent

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Number of Clients Served:** 7,000 individuals, 500 institutions.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Age Requirements:** 4 years and older.

Regional library providing talking books, braille, tape, and large-print children's books.



## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Oregon State Library Talking Book and Braille Services

250 Winter Street, N.E.  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3849  
FAX: (503) 588-7119  
E-mail: mary.c.mohr@state.or.us

URL: <http://www.osl.state.or.us/tbabs/tbabs.html>

Mary Mohr, Operations  
Coordinator, Librarian  
Nanc Ripperda, Machine Lending  
Agent

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Area Served:** Oregon.

**Groups Served:** Pre-school to adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, career/vocational, religious. Oregon author collection.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes (large-print books for children).

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## RADIO READING

### Golden Hours, Inc.

7140 S.W. Macadam Drive  
Portland, OR 97219-3013  
(503) 293-1902  
FAX: (503) 777-8469  
Jerry Delaunay, Executive Director

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Area Served:** State of Oregon and southwestern Washington.

### KBPS Seeing Sound

515 N.E. 15th Street

Portland, OR 97232  
(503) 916-5828  
FAX: (503) 916-2642  
Tania Thompson

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** Portland metropolitan area.

See also in national listings:

**Blindskills, Inc.**

**DB-LINK: The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind**

**NTAC (National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind)**

**Teaching Research Division**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

## STATE SERVICES

### Oregon Commission for the Blind

535 S.E. 12th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214  
(503) 731-3221  
FAX: (503) 731-3230  
Charles E. Young, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for legally blind; totally blind. Independent living services for persons over 55 years of age with visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Federal and state appropriations; federal grants; donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All facilities and programs are

accessible to persons with disabilities, according to ADA specifications.

**Staff:** 47 full time, 5 part time.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500 per year.

**Eligibility:** Meets definition of legal blindness.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** Over 17 years.

**Health:** Refers for medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Vocational and personal counseling and guidance. Referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** College prep; remedial education. Accepts legally blind persons and multiply disabled persons.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Refers for reading services.

**Residential:** Dormitory for adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Challenge course; refers for other recreational/leisure services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems. One

full-time instructor. Contact: Pat Macdonnell, Director of Orientation & Career Center for the Blind, (503) 731-3221.

**Low Vision:** Low vision assessments, sale or loan of low vision aids; instruction in techniques of daily living and vision therapy.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sells, lends, or rents low vision aids, including magnifiers, signature guides, cane tips, phone dials, braille paper, labelling tape, slate and stylus, Hi-marks.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Recommends low vision devices/aids to clients and either loans aids to clients or orders devices for them. Follow-up assessment with decrease in vision.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Eugene:** 541 Willamette, Room 408, Eugene, OR 97401, (503) 686-7990.

**Medford:** 228 North Holly, Medford, OR 97501, (503) 776-6047.

**Newport:** Oregon State Commission for the Blind, P.O. Box 2053, Newport, OR 97365, (503) 563-5231.

**Salem:** 670 Church Street, S.E., Salem, OR 97301, (503) 378-8479.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Blind Enterprises of Oregon**

1101 SE 12th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214-3602  
(503) 233-8141

FAX: (503) 233-8536

Tami Foss, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Employment:** Offers workshop employment for blind and visually impaired persons in manufacturing products.

#### **Independent Living Resources**

4506 S.E. Belmont  
Suite 100  
Portland, OR 97215  
(503) 232-7411 or TDD (503) 232-8408

Thomas Ciesielski, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Mission:** Independent living services.

**Funded by:** Federal grants, donations.

**Budget:** \$580,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 17.

**History/Date:** Est. 1957 and Inc. 1980.

**Number of Clients Served:** 700 per year.

**Eligibility:** Severe vision loss, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual/group/family counseling; community services. Refers for social/psychological testing and evaluation.

**Educational:** Refers for school/training placement.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living/communication skills both on/off premises.

**Recreational:** Continuing education; arts/crafts; special programs for the elderly.

**Low Vision:** Referrals to eye care professionals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Magnification devices on loan and for sale.

#### **Vision Northwest**

621 S.W. Alder Street  
Suite 500

Portland, OR 97205-3620

(503) 221-0705

FAX: (503) 243-2537

Gloria Patrick, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Mission:** Help reintegrate newly visually impaired persons into community.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants, private donations, charities.

**Staff:** 4. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Eligibility:** Newly blind, severe visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Oregon; Washington.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Counseling for adjustment to severe vision loss. Psychological services available.

**Rehabilitation:** Peer support groups; information and referral services.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Oregon Commission for the Blind**

535 S.E. 12th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214  
(503) 731-3221

FAX: (503) 731-3230

Winslow Parker, Technology Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

#### **Oregon School for the Blind**

700 Church Street, S.E.

Salem, OR 97301

(503) 378-8025

Margie Jordan, Media Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Marion Country.



**Computer Training:** Screen magnification systems; braille access systems.

## DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

### Guide Dogs for the Blind

32901 S.E. Kelso Road  
Boring, OR 97009  
(503) 668-2100  
Steve Strand, Executive Director

For referral, contact Sue Sullivan,  
(415) 499-4000 or (800) 295-4050.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology

208 S.W. Stark, #205  
Portland, OR 97204  
(503) 222-3937  
FAX: (503) 243-6755  
Nan Heim, Executive Director

### Oregon Optometric Association

6901 S. E. Lake Road  
Suite 26  
Milwaukie, OR 97267  
(503) 654-5036  
Wayne Schumacher, Executive Director

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Devers Eye Institute

1040 N.W. 22nd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97210  
(503) 413-8499  
FAX: (503) 413-7006  
Shari Katz, M.A., Vision Rehabilitation Specialist  
Vasiliki D. Stoumbos, M.D.

**Type of Agency:** Outpatient clinic.  
**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Funded by:** Patient fees and donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs., by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; vision rehabilitation specialist.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial use and to purchase; on-site instruction provided; home visits as needed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

### Oregon Health Sciences University

#### Department of Ophthalmology Low Vision Aid Clinic

3375 S.W. Terwilliger Boulevard  
Portland, OR 97201-4197  
(503) 494-7672  
FAX: (503) 494-2282  
Nancy Harlburt, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment only.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optician; social worker; genetic counselor; audiologist; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.

**Eligibility:** Referral by Oregon Commission for the Blind or by ophthalmologist with ophthalmology report.

**Area Served:** Oregon and southern Washington.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

### Pacific University College of Optometry

2043 College Way  
Forest Grove, OR 97116  
(503) 357-5800  
John A. Smith, O.D., Coordinator,  
Low Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optician.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Complete diagnostic evaluations and dispensation of low vision devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

### Portland Family Vision Center

511 S.W. Tenth Street  
Portland Medical Center Building,  
Suite 500  
Portland, OR 97205  
(503) 224-2323 or TDD (503) 241-0222  
FAX: (503) 241-0222  
Linda Fields, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Multnomah County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Low vision services: Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM. All other services: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/resident; orientation/mobility specialist; social worker; consulting ophthalmologist; optician; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor; rehabilitation counselor; genetic counselor; audiologist.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Senior and Disabled Services Division**

500 Summer Street N.E.

Second Floor

Salem, OR 97310-1015

(503) 945-5811 or (800) 232-3020 or

(800) 282-8096

FAX: (503) 373-7823

Roger Auerbach, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Oregon Commission for the Blind**

535 Southeast 12th Avenue

Portland, OR 97214

(503) 731-3221

Pat Macdonnell, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# PENN- SYLVANIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Special Education

333 Market Street  
Seventh Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333  
(717) 783-2311

FAX: (717) 783-6139  
Dr. William Penn, Director of  
Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers state funds for education of visually handicapped children including deaf-blind enrolled in public schools and in approved private schools for the blind. Provides funds to local school districts for reader service, aids and appliances, materials, and other services for children attending local schools. Subsidizes statewide materials center for visually handicapped children. Provides consultation for local schools and agencies on education services. Administers small-grant program to assist blind college students.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Pennsylvania.

For information about local programs, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Division of Community Program Development

#### Office of Mental Retardation Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8302  
(717) 783-8302 or (717) 783-5661  
FAX: (717) 772-0012

Jackie Epstein, Director  
Norma Shoppel, Chief, Children's  
Services Unit

### SCHOOLS

#### Capital Area Intermediate Unit

55 Miller Street  
P.O. Box 489  
Summerdale, PA 17093-0489  
(717) 732-8400 or TDD (717) 732-8422

FAX: (717) 732-8414  
Patricia Querry, Director of Special  
Education  
Kathy Scott, Supervisor, Visually  
Impaired Program

**Type of Agency:** Intermediate  
education program.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 and 94-142  
monies.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-  
4:15 PM.

**Staff:** Visually handicapped and  
dually certified teachers; various  
therapists available as consultants.  
Advisory board, including parent  
members, for overall preschool  
program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 130.

**Eligibility:** Determined through  
multidisciplinary team assessment,  
as prescribed in the Pennsylvania  
Department of Education  
Regulations and Standards for the  
Operation of Special Education  
Programs.

**Area Served:** Cumberland,  
Dauphin, Perry, northern York  
Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Various social and health  
services available on consultant or  
referral basis.

**Educational:** Provides instruction  
in all developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and  
consultant services using itinerant  
model for visually impaired  
students, 0-21 years, with or  
without other disabilities.

#### Overbrook School for the Blind

6333 Malvern Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597  
(215) 877-0313

FAX: (215) 877-2466  
E-mail: bmk@obs.org  
Bernadette M. Kappen, Director

**Type of Agency:** Residential  
school.

**Mission:** To enable each student  
to acquire the fund of knowledge  
and living skills that is required of  
the well-integrated adult.

**Funded by:** State and school  
district funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Office:  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM. School:  
8:15 AM-3:15 PM. Currently the  
majority of students attend school  
on a day basis.

**Program Accessibility:** Several  
buildings are accessible.

**Staff:** More than 200.

**History/Date:** Est. 1832.

**Number of Clients Served:** 199  
(school aged); 93 (birth-three  
years).

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Eastern  
Pennsylvania.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Early intervention: birth to 3 years. School age programs: 3 to 21 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; medical services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family seminars; summer week for families with blind infants and toddlers. Family weekends, transition services, career education, and counseling for students.

**Educational:** Life Elementary and Secondary Programs; Early Childhood Program; International program.

**Preschools:** Preschool program; Early Childhood Program 3 to 5, TEAMS (Early Intervention Program for 0-3 year olds in their homes).

**Professional Training:** On-going staff development. Teacher Trainee Program for teachers from foreign countries.

**Reading:** Braille, large print, tapes, computer access.

**Residential:** 5-day residential placement available.

**Rehabilitation:** Work Experience Program: prevocational training, on-campus job placement, supported employment, sheltered workshop, career education on campus and community opportunities.

**Computer Training:** All classrooms have computers and assistive technology. Computers are networked and staff and students have access to the Internet.

#### **Royer-Greaves School for Blind**

118 South Valley Road  
Paoli, PA 19301-1444  
(610) 644-1810

FAX: (610) 644-8164

E-mail: rgschool@aol.com

Carol T. Dale, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chester County.

**Mission:** To provide a supportive home education and training environment for individuals who are visually impaired and profoundly developmentally disabled. Residents learn to function to their full potential and thus enjoy an enhanced quality of life.

**Funded by:** Fees; capital income; grants; subscriptions; donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 33 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1921.

**Number of Clients Served:** 33 residents; also day students.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment and retardation; referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 4 to 21 years: education program. Beyond age 21: licensed community home for individuals with mental retardation.

**Health:** Speech therapy; physical therapy; nursing services. Contracts and refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, family / parent, couple counseling.

**Educational:** Non-graded. Instruction of multiply disabled blind pupils includes orientation and mobility, occupational therapy, life skills, and adaptive physical education.

**Preschools:** Programs for play / nursery school run by Chester County Intermediate Unit.

**Professional Training:** Periodic in-service training programs. Attendance at seminars and conferences.

**Reading:** Talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print-books; recorded magazines; radio link for newspaper and magazine readings.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living skills; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; orientation / mobility (pre-cane); remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; swimming; scouting; music; horticulture.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation and training. Contracts with sheltered workshops.

**Computer Training:** Low vision adaptations available for computer skill training.

**Low Vision:** Black light room; large-print.

**Low Vision Aids:** Large print books; CCTV; light tables.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

#### **St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments**

130 Hampden Road  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
(610) 352-4550

FAX: (610) 352-4582

E-mail: 102142.3102@compuserve.com

Sister M. Margaret Fleming,  
Principal

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit day school.

**Funded by:** Catholic Charities.

**Staff:** 10 full-time, 3 part-time. Uses volunteers for supervision and as teachers' aides.

**History/Date:** Est. 1955.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30.



**Eligibility:** Visual acuity of 20/70 or less with best correction, 20 degrees field restriction; must be ambulatory and without mental handicaps.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-14 years.

**Educational:** K through eighth grade.

**Preschools:** Early intervention: birth-6 years. Preschool: 2½-5 years.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs, summer and short term.

**Reading:** Talking books/cassettes; braille/large-print books; magazines; book selection services; information/referral; transcription; Optacon; closed circuit television; VersaBraille.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living; communication skills; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts, summer day camps available.

**Computer Training:** On-site training provided.

### **Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children**

201 North Bellefield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1499  
(412) 621-0100

FAX: (412) 621-4067

E-mail: jsimon@wpsbc.org  
Janet Simon, Ph.D., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit and state supported.

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Mission:** To provide superior opportunities for training and education to students who in addition to visual impairment are disabled by other severe conditions.

**Funded by:** State allocation, contributions, endowment income.

**Budget:** \$11 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Residential, 5 days a week.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 253 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1887.

**Number of Clients Served:** 195 full time.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, resident of western Pennsylvania.

**Area Served:** Western Pennsylvania.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** 24 hour health center staffed by licensed nurses.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling; referral to community agencies.

**Educational:** Preschool through 12th grade; functional, community-referenced curriculum for blind students with moderate to severe disabilities.

**Preschools:** Ages 3 to 6.

**Professional Training:** Student teaching in special education; internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility. Regular in-service training.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books and magazines; large print books; recorded magazines; closed-circuit television; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; orientation/mobility; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; expressive arts; leisure time; bowling; dance; radio;

swimming; extended school year program.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Augmentative communication.

**Low Vision:** Optometric consultation.

## **INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**

### **Allegheny Intermediate Unit Project Dart**

#4 Station Square  
Floor #2  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1178  
(412) 394-5736  
Mary McCormick, Program Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Intermediate education program.

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 monies.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** Allegheny County and 42 school districts.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in most developmental areas.

Home-based, center-based, and consultant programs on itinerant model for children with visual and other disabilities, 0-3 years and 3-5 years.

### **Overbrook School for the Blind**

6333 Malvern Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597  
(215) 877-0313  
FAX: (215) 877-2709  
Cassandra Giardina, Early Intervention Coordinator  
Lynne Williams, Preschool Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Day and residential school.

**Mission:** To help the families and caregivers of very young children who have impaired vision and who may have impaired hearing as well to learn special techniques to help stimulate maximum learning.

**Funded by:** State funds; county and school district funds.

**Staff:** 25.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 3 years.

**Preschools:** Preschool program and home-based program for children 0-3 years.

Home-based early intervention program for children, birth to 3, and their families. Center-based summer seminar program with follow-up consultation for parents of visually impaired infants, 0-2 years, with or without other disabilities.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Central Instructional Support Center

6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600  
Harrisburg, PA 17112  
(717) 541-4960  
FAX: (717) 541-4968  
Daniel Ficca, Production Services Coordinator

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, novels.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Kutztown University**  
**Department of Special Education**  
Kemp 15

Kutztown, PA 19530  
(610) 683-4651 or (610) 683-4290  
FAX: (610) 683-1516  
E-mail: dross@kutztown.edu  
Dr. David B. Ross

**County/District Where Located:** Berks County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate program for teachers of visually impaired students.

### Pennsylvania College of Optometry Institute for the Visually Impaired

Department of Graduate Studies in Vision Impairment  
1200 West Godfrey Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141  
(215) 276-6093  
FAX: (215) 276-6292  
E-mail: kathyh@pco.edu  
Dr. Audrey J. Smith, Orientation and Mobility  
Dr. Kathleen M. Huebner, Visual and Multiple Impairments  
Maureen Duffy, Rehabilitation Teaching  
Dr. Laura Edwards, Vision Rehabilitation

**Programs Offered:** Master's programs in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, vision rehabilitation, and education of the visually impaired. Certificate programs in vision rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, and education of the visually impaired. Continuing education programs are also offered.

**Distance Education:** Y.

**University of Pittsburgh School of Education**  
**Department of Instruction and Learning**  
4H01 Forbes Quadrangle

Pittsburgh, PA 15260  
(412) 624-7254  
FAX: (412) 648-7081  
URL: [http://www.pitt.edu/~soeforum/sped\\_vis.html](http://www.pitt.edu/~soeforum/sped_vis.html)  
Dr. George Zimmerman, Program Coordinator, (412) 624-7247  
Dr. Christine Roman, (412) 648-7308

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired students, orientation and mobility specialists, and dual competency teachers of visually impaired students/orientation and mobility specialists. Additional coursework available in the area of early intervention.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Leonard C. Staisey Building  
4724 Baum Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(412) 687-2440 or toll-free in Pennsylvania (800) 242-0586  
FAX: (412) 687-2442  
E-mail: clbph@clpgh.org  
URL: <http://www.clpgh.org/clp/lbph/intro.html>  
Sue Murdock, Librarian  
Henry Picciafoco, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** Network library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH).

**Mission:** To be a force for education, information, recreation, and inspiration in the communities it serves.



**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1907.

**Eligibility:** NLS/BPH guidelines.

**Area Served:** Western  
Pennsylvania.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Lends books and magazines  
recorded on disks and cassettes,  
large-print books, and special  
cassette and record players for use  
with recorded material. Provides  
reference and information services.

**Free Library of Philadelphia  
Library for the Blind and  
Physically Handicapped**

919 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 925-3213 or toll-free in  
Pennsylvania (800) 222-1754  
FAX: (215) 928-0856  
Vickie Lange Collins, Librarian  
Richard A. Riddell, Machine  
Lending Information

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1899.

**Area Served:** Eastern  
Pennsylvania.

Regional library supplying talking,  
braille and large type books, tapes  
and cassettes. Computer access.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
SERVICES**

**Allegheny Intermediate Unit  
Vision Program**

Pathfinder School  
Donati Road  
Bethel Park, PA 15102  
(412) 963-0452  
Dr. Gillian Meieran, Vision  
Program Administrator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Area Served:** 42 school districts in  
Allegheny County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational; career / vocational;  
assistive technology material.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**Association of Pleasant Hills  
Community Church**

102 East Bruceton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
(412) 655-4379  
Mrs. A. J. Brown, Chairperson,  
Vision Aid Project

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Groups Served:** Any person with  
vision problems.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; any  
requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books / cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**Bower Hill Braille Foundation**

70 Moffett Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15243  
(412) 279-7316  
Sylvia Procyk, President

**Groups Served:** K-12, college  
students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
recreational, career / vocational,  
religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille  
lists available at no charge.

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit**

55 Miller Street  
P.O. Box 489  
Summerdale, PA 17093-0489  
(717) 732-8400  
Vi Shearer, Materials Specialist

**Area Served:** None specified.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
talking books / cassettes, large print  
books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille for  
a charge.

**Central Instruction Support  
Center**

6340 Flank Drive  
Suite 600  
Harrisburg, PA 17112  
(717) 541-4960 or (800) 360-7282  
FAX: (717) 541-4968  
Dan Sella, Program Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dauphin County.

**Area Served:** Pennsylvania.

**Groups Served:** Blind, visually  
impaired, and deaf-blind persons,  
birth-21 years.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large-  
print books.

**Title Listings:** Title listings  
available via APH-CARL.

Coordinates / provides  
consultation and technical  
assistance to LEAs, associated  
service providers and parents.

**Lehigh Valley Braille Guild**

614 North 13th Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 264-2141  
FAX: (610) 433-4856  
Elsie Andrews  
Lois Rader, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:**  
Lehigh County.

**Area Served:** International.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college  
students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
recreational; vocational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books;  
cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
available.

**Northland Public Library**

300 Cumberland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
(412) 366-8100  
FAX: (412) 366-2064  
Laura Shelley, Director  
Pat McCarthy, Director, Volunteer Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Area Served:** Ross, McCandless, Franklin Park, Bradford Woods and Marshall townships; Allegheny County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

101 South Bryn Mawr Avenue  
Suite 110  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
(610) 527-2222  
FAX: (610) 526-2758  
Elise Dormond, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Montgomery County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**Rodef Shalom Temple Sisterhood**

4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
(412) 621-6566  
FAX: (412) 621-5475

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Temple Sinai Sisterhood**

5505 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
(412) 421-9715  
Kathy March, Chairperson

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Area Served:** Pittsburgh.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**RADIO READING****Harrisburg Area Radio Reading Service**

1800 North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17102  
(717) 238-2531  
Melissa F. Stachacz, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dauphin County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Area Served:** Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry Counties.

**Keystone Radio Information Service****Blair County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped**

300 Fifth Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602-2730  
(814) 944-2021  
FAX: (814) 944-3197  
Marty Sekerak, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Blair County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
2:30 PM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**North Central Sight Services**

901 Memorial Avenue  
P.O. Box 3292  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
(717) 323-9401  
FAX: (717) 323-8194  
E-mail: rgarrett@sunlink.net  
Robert B. Garrett, President and CEO

**County/District Where Located:**  
Lycoming County.

**Funded by:** Contributions and foundations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Area Served:** Clinton, Sullivan and Lycoming Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Pennsylvania Association for the Blind and Handicapped**

228 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503  
(717) 348-1812  
FAX: (717) 348-1813  
Paul Trama, Station Manager

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-6:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, including 17 counties in northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Radio Information Center for the Blind (RICB)**

Associated Services for the Blind  
919 Walnut Street  
P.O. Box 1559  
Philadelphia, PA 19105  
(215) 627-0600  
FAX: (215) 922-0692  
E-mail: asbinfoalibertynet.org  
John Corrigan, Manager



**Funded by:** Grants and donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours daily.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 70 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** Greater Philadelphia area, including portions of New Jersey and Delaware.

#### **Radio Information Services**

2100 Warton Street  
Suite 140

Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
(412) 434-6023

FAX: (412) 488-3953

Patricia Ligetti, General Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Allegheny County.

**Funded by:** Public/private monies.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days.

**Staff:** 3 full-time staff, 4 part-time staff members.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Pittsburgh greater metropolitan area (12 counties of southwestern Pennsylvania).

**Age Requirements:** 16 years of age to volunteer, listeners range in age from 14 to 100+.

#### **WRKC-Radio Home Visitor**

Kings College  
1602-D

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0801  
(717) 826-5811

Thomas Carten, Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Luzerne County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
10:00 AM-12:00 noon.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Area Served:** 25-mile radius from Wilkes-Barre.

#### **WRRS/RADPRIN of Lehigh Valley**

3835 Green Pond Road

College Center 335

Bethlehem, PA 18017

(610) 861-5583

FAX: (610) 861-4125

Thomas Eberts, Studio Manager

Vesta Kear, Administrative Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Northampton County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Carbon and Monroe Counties.

#### **York County Blind Center Radio Reading Service**

1380 Spahn Avenue

York, PA 17403

(717) 848-1690

Rodger Simmons, Radio Program Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
York County.

**Hours of Operation:** 6:00 AM - 2:00 AM, 7 days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** York County.

Local programming is augmented by programs taken from In Touch Networks.

#### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

##### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

##### **Philadelphia Affiliate**

P.O. Box 17300

Philadelphia, PA 19105

(800) 477-2220

Barbara Marks, Contact Person

Maria Moen, President

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

**American Blind Bowling Association**

**Associated Services for the Blind**

**Braille Authority of North America (BANA)**

**National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH)**

**Overbrook International  
Overbrook School for the Blind**

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services**

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare**

1401 North Seventh Street  
P.O. Box 2675

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675  
(717) 787-6176 or toll-free in Pennsylvania (800) 622-2842

FAX: (717) 787-3210

Robert M. Eschbach, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dauphin County.

**Mission:** To provide vocational rehabilitation services to the blind and visually impaired consumers of the Commonwealth.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 149 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1925.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired; resident of Pennsylvania.

**Area Served:** Pennsylvania.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social casework; counseling; consultation and referral; group work.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training program, open to enrollment by other organizations.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; personal management; home economics; communications; independent living; training; physical restoration; placement; and counselling.

**Employment:** Evaluation, prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending facility training; supported employment.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Altoona:** Executive House I, 615 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, (814) 946-7330.

**Erie:** 448 West 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501, (814) 871-4401.

**Harrisburg:** 2923 North Seventh Street, Suite B, Harrisburg, PA 17110, (717) 787-7500.

**Philadelphia:** State Office Building, Rm 206, 1400 Springgarden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, (215) 560-5700.

**Pittsburgh:** G-10 Kossman Building, Forbes and Stanwix Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 565-5240.

**Wilkes-Barre:** 111 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Third Floor, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, (717) 826-2361.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Associated Services for the Blind**

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 627-0600  
FAX: (215) 922-0692  
E-mail: asbinfo@libertynet.org  
Patricia C. Johnson, Chief Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provide resource and training center for blind persons and those losing useful vision.

**Funded by:** Foundations and trusts; corporations; and the public, including Lions and Lioness Clubs, and special friends. Contracts with federal and state agencies, for-profit and non-profit corporations.

**Budget:** \$3,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** Approximately 100. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984 from the merger of Volunteer Services for the Blind, Nevil Institute for Rehabilitation and Service, and Radio Information Center for the Blind.

**Eligibility:** Varies.

**Area Served:** Philadelphia metropolitan area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Blindness prevention through informational programs at senior centers; speakers for corporate, community, and professional organizations; and distribution of information on eye care and blindness prevention at employer and community health fairs.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support groups; educational and vocational evaluation; escort service to medical appointments and shopping; volunteer visitors for

housebound persons; telephone peer counselors.

**Educational:** Youth transitional program.

**Reading:** Volunteer reader service; fills requests for specific braille and large-print books. Radio Information Center broadcasts for 4,000 listeners.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation Center, a prevocational center-based program, evaluates client skills and provides blindness adjustment training, orientation and mobility training, and communication instruction.

**Recreational:** Supports social and recreational activities.

**Employment:** Resume preparation assistance; skills assessment and counseling; job search assistance; job coaching; job-seeking skills seminars. Employer awareness training.

**Computer Training:** Electronic Aids Program for training with electronic enhancement devices.

**Low Vision:** Monthly clinics for eligible clients.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sense Satons, a retail and catalogue store, sells white canes, braille writing materials, talking clocks, calculators, and other aids.

#### **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Lehigh County Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

614 North 13th Street  
Allentown, PA 18102-2199  
(610) 433-6018  
FAX: (610) 433-4856

Frank Smith, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To help blind or visually impaired people and their families with problems that are caused by or associated with visual



impairment; to develop and maintain educational programs; to conduct screenings for the early detection of vision problems.

**Funded by:** United Way, government grants, endowment, individual and corporate giving.

**Budget:** \$412,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time; 6 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1928.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1997: 512.

**Eligibility:** Visual eligibility for rehabilitation and social services: 20/70 or less in better eye with correction. Prevention and education: all are eligible.

**Area Served:** Lehigh County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years for rehabilitation and social services; prevention and education: all ages.

**Health:** Vision screening and public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Information and referral; casework; peer support groups.

**Educational:** Life skills training.

**Reading:** Braille transcribing; readers; tape recording.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching and mobility instruction; supportive services.

**Recreational:** Therapeutic recreation; social activities.

**Low Vision:** Magnifier evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Lends low vision devices.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Beaver County**

#### **Association for the Blind**

616 Fourth Street

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

(412) 843-1111 or (412) 728-5555

FAX: (412) 843-8886

Jean G. Keller, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**

Beaver County.

**Mission:** Provide services relating to the general welfare of blind/visually impaired clients and the prevention of blindness.

**Funded by:** United Way, state contract, workshop, sales, contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 8 full time, 300 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995/1996: 350.

**Eligibility:** Blind/visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Beaver County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Remedial eye care; screenings; eye safety programs in schools.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Transport/escort; chore services; social recreation; educational activities.

**Reading:** Braille; large type; talking book machines; radio receivers; readers.

**Rehabilitation:** Life skills; education; personal management; housing assistance.

**Recreational:** Social activities; crafts; field trips.

**Employment:** Sales; caning.

### **Bedford Branch**

#### **Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

242 East John Street

Bedford, PA 15522

(814) 623-8214

Joanne Smith, Administrative Secretary

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-12:00 noon and 1:00 PM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Serve those of all ages who are print handicapped.

**Staff:** 1 full time, 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 600.

**Eligibility:** Visually handicapped.

**Area Served:** Bedford, Fulton, and Somerset counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Reading:** Arrange for talking books and large print books for clients.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provide low vision aids to clients.

### **Berks County Association for the Blind**

#### **Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

2020 Hampden Boulevard

Reading, PA 19604

(610) 375-8407

FAX: (610) 375-6467

David R. Neideigh, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Berks County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, endowment, and contributions.

**Budget:** 1992: \$675,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 8 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1929.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 750.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Berks County.

**Health:** Diagnostic; public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral.

**Educational:** Educational films available for loan; speakers available on request.

**Preschools:** Vision screening.

**Reading:** Braille and large-type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.

**Rehabilitation:** Home mechanics; personal management; orientation/mobility.

**Recreational:** Crafts; cooking classes; field trips.

**Employment:** Prevocational training; workshop.

**Low Vision:** Vision screening.

#### **Blair County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped**

300 Fifth Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602-2730  
(814) 944-2021

FAX: (814) 944-3197

Marty Sekerak, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Blair County.

**Mission:** To act as a member agency of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind for the support, care, training, and rehabilitation of blind persons, prevention of blindness, and conservation of sight.

**Funded by:** Fees for service, workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions and grants.

**Budget:** \$150,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 5 full time, 10 part-time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind (acuity not more than 20/70 in best corrected eye); income guidelines, under sub-contract.

**Area Served:** Blair County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Adult age.

**Health:** Public education, preschool vision screenings, adult visual acuity and intraocular pressure screenings, industrial screenings, in-service training for care givers.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral; sight loss support group; social services (transportation, chores, educational programs).

**Educational:** Eye health and safety programs—all ages; programs to aid independent living.

**Preschools:** Eye health and safety programs; vision screening.

**Professional Training:** In-service training of employees in caregiver facilities, i.e. nursing home.

**Reading:** Braille and large-type books; recorders; talking books and machines; readers; aids and appliances.

**Recreational:** Social activities.

#### **Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia**

3600 Market Street  
Suite 320  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 222-7613

FAX: (215) 222-7624

A. Victor Cancelmo III, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for blind.

**Funded by:** Private contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time and 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1909.

**Number of Clients Served:** 485.

**Eligibility:** Philadelphia resident; legally blind.

**Area Served:** Philadelphia.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling; information and referral service; limited financial aid available.

**Recreational:** Refers for residential summer camp; annual summer outing.

#### **Bucks County Association for the Blind Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

400 Freedom Drive  
Newtown, PA 18940  
(215) 968-9400

FAX: (215) 968-2127

Elaine R. Welch, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Bucks County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Endowments; government grants; Community fund raising; contributions;

**Budget:** \$388,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 11 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,400.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Bucks County; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Bucks County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.



**Health:** Refers for health services.  
**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual/group counseling; case management; support groups; chore service in the home; advocacy.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Talking book and cassette players distribution and instruction.

**Rehabilitation:** Instruction in home management and personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Summer day camp for blind children; adult recreation programs; summer teen recreation program.

**Low Vision:** Magnifier evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Carries a full line of non-prescription low vision aids for demonstration and sale. Vision and hearing screenings.

**Butler County Association for the Blind  
 Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

308 West Cunningham Street  
 P.O. Box 468  
 Butler, PA 16003-0468  
 (412) 287-4059  
 FAX: (412) 287-4888  
 Maddie Riddell, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Butler County.

**Funded by:** Public funds, contributions, workshop sales, sub-contracts, and endowments.

**History/Date:** Est. 1932.

**Area Served:** Butler County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Vision screening; examination; eyeglasses; eye bank; industrial eye safety program.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral.

**Reading:** Braille and large type books; recorders and talking book machines; readers.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

**Cambria County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped  
 Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

211 Central Avenue  
 Johnstown, PA 15902  
 (814) 536-3531  
 FAX: (814) 539-3270  
 E-mail: ccabh@twd.net  
 Richard C. Bosserman, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cambria County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and physically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; workshop sales.

**Budget:** \$5.3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 41 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1927.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-96: 650.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; visual acuity of 20/70 or less. For vocational or educational services, mental or physical disabling conditions determine eligibility.

**Area Served:** Cambria County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and older.

**Health:** Prescribes and provides low vision aids; evaluates eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community service. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons. Programs for vocational/skill development; prevocational skill development; social/personal development.

**Reading:** Lends talking book records and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; large-print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; handwriting; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; work centers. Vocational placement; follow-up service; personal work adjustment training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provides low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provides low vision follow-up.

**Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc.**

241 Chestnut Street  
Sunbury, PA 17801  
(717) 286-1471  
Donna Wilkinson, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Northumberland County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, capital income, direct mail appeal.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-3:30 PM.

**Staff:** Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 1,000.

**Health:** Refers and contracts for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual counseling; referral to community services. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record and cassette players; braille and large-print books; recorded magazines. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Contracts and refers for recreation services.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; provides free low vision aids.

**Chester County Association for the Blind  
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

71 South First Street  
P.O. Box 1440  
Coatesville, PA 19320  
(610) 384-2767  
FAX: (610) 384-8005  
Anita Cavuto, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chester County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Donations and small workshop.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** 625.

**Eligibility:** Blindness or visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Chester County.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye conditions; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral; transcription to braille. Tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home. Referral to other agencies.

**Employment:** Handicapped employment.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; prescription of spectacles or aids.

**Delco Blind/Sight Center**

100 West 15th Street

Chester, PA 19013  
(610) 874-1476  
FAX: (610) 874-6454  
E-mail: dbsc@apond.com  
Robert M. Nelson, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Delaware County.

**Mission:** To enrich the quality of life for persons with visual impairments or blindness and to reduce the incidence of vision loss through prevention-of-blindness activities.

**Funded by:** United Way; contracts, donations, bequests, grants.

**Budget:** 1995-1996: \$1,900,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1941.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1995-1996: 3,800, including 585 blind clients.

**Eligibility:** Determined by program area and service offered.

**Area Served:** Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Determined by program area and service offered.

**Health:** Low vision service. Indigent eye care; eye safety training. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; casework management; life skills groups; psychological testing, evaluation and counseling; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Vocational and blindness skills evaluation and



training, transitional services, referral services, public education.

**Professional Training:** In-service training to professionals with blind patients.

**Reading:** Lends talking book machines, cassette players and makes referrals to the Radio Information Center for the Blind for the client to receive radio services.

**Residential:** On-site supervised dormitory for residential students in training. Close association with Stinson Tower, an apartment building, specially equipped and designed for independent living for blind, physically disabled, and elderly persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal adjustment to blindness training; communication skills; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; vocational evaluation; psychological testing, individual counseling services; work adjustment training, computer access technology training, job placement services. Summer transitional program for high school students with vision loss. Refers, provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Newly blinded group; field trips; bell choir; day camp; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Training for computer novices in the use of computers, accompanying adaptive equipment, and popular software packages used in today's computer workspace; guidance in

job placement or further training. Advanced training course in computer access technology related to career goals.

**Low Vision:** Eye care professionals, specially trained in the field of low vision, will perform a complete clinical assessment of the medical diagnosis and visual impairment. Optical/non-optical devices or techniques, may be prescribed if it is determined that they will be beneficial.

**Low Vision Aids:** Obtained for clients, as needed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as needed.

#### **Edith R. Rudolphy Residence for the Blind**

3827 Powelton Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 382-6412  
FAX: (215) 382-1231  
Shirley Brockman, Executive Director  
Francine Lingham, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit residence for blind men and women.

**Mission:** To provide a full-service residence and sheltered employment for adult blind persons.

**Funded by:** United Way, trusts, grants, contributions, and fees of residents.

**Budget:** 1992: \$860,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24.

**Staff:** 32. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1868.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Licensed for 50 residents.

**Eligibility:** 20/200 visual acuity or less; must pass physical examinations.

**Area Served:** Northeastern United States.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Health:** General medical services. Refers for eye treatment/evaluation, physical therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for social evaluation, individual/group counseling, community services.

**Professional Training:** In-service training programs.

**Reading:** In-house distribution of talking book records/tapes; braille books/magazines; recorded magazines; large print books.

**Residential:** Boarding home for blind adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services as needed.

**Recreational:** In-house entertainment programs and local area day trips.

**Employment:** Provides sheltered workshop.

#### **Erie Center for the Blind and Visually Handicapped Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

2402 Cherry Street  
Erie, PA 16502  
(814) 455-0995  
FAX: (814) 455-0997  
Tyco V. Swick, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** United Way, endowment, fees, and contributions.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 6 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938.

**Eligibility:** Any person with functional vision loss is eligible.

**Area Served:** Erie County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Diagnostic and medical treatment; public education programs.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Casework and referral services.

**Reading:** Talking book machines; voice mail information service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility; home management.

**Recreational:** Social group for elderly blind persons.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision aid evaluations and prescriptions. Aids and appliances.

**Fayette County Association for the Blind  
Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

48 Bierer Lane  
Uniontown, PA 15401  
(412) 437-2791  
Nancy C. Shockey, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Fayette County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Service clubs; contributions.

**Budget:** 1991: \$110,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 702.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Fayette County.

**Area Served:** Fayette County.

**Health:** Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers for other health services.

**Educational:** Eye safety; aids and appliances demonstrations to clients and public.

**Preschools:** Preschool visual screenings and follow-up.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Adult social parties. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic and consultation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribes and provides spectacles and low vision aids.

**Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind (now known as Pittsburgh Vision Services)**

311 Station Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017  
(412) 221-2200  
FAX: (412) 257-8574  
Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President  
Jack C. Lydic, Director of Rehabilitation

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Mission:** Personal adjustment training for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and visually impaired multiply disabled adolescents and adults. In-home training to elderly blind persons as needed.

**Funded by:** Fees, contributions, grants.

**Budget:** 1991: \$1.4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 33 full time, 19 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1959.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 1,100.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual impairment that causes a functional disability; ophthalmological or optometric report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** Primarily adolescents and adults with additional disabilities. Specialized service for elderly persons.

**Health:** Audiological and low vision screening; psychiatric consultation; general medical screening; health education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychosocial evaluations; psychological testing and evaluations; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling.

**Educational:** General academics; college prep; GED prep; literacy training; summer programming for school-age children.

**Professional Training:** Internship/field work placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; vocational rehabilitation; low vision; adaptive technology training.

**Reading:** Talking book record and cassette players; braille and large-print books and magazines; transcription to braille; translation to other languages; tape recording services on demand; Optacon; Kurzweil Reading Machine; closed-circuit television training.



**Residential:** Available during training and on weekends.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; handwriting; listening skills; typing; electronic aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education; sensory training; household mechanics.

**Recreational:** Bowling; swimming; calisthenics; theater; museums; many other activities.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling. Computer-related skill training.

**Computer Training:** Evaluations and training on a wide range of adapted hardware and software.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service. Available for personal adjustment clients and separately on an out-patient basis.

**Low Vision Aids:** Evaluations, training, and loans.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

#### **Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind**

63 North Franklin Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

(717) 823-1161

FAX: (717) 823-4841

Ronald V. Petrilla, Ph.D., Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Luzerne County.

**Mission:** Serve the needs and interests of blind and visually impaired persons and prevent blindness.

**Funded by:** Public funds, endowments and contributions; some state/county contracts.

**Budget:** \$270,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 professional, 5 service workers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1918.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600.

**Area Served:** Serves Luzerne County, except Hazleton area.

**Health:** Vision and glaucoma screening; remedial eye care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group, consultation and referral.

**Educational:** Life skills education.

**Preschools:** Vision screenings and educational programs.

**Reading:** Talking book machines; radio reading service; braille transcription.

**Rehabilitation:** Communications; support services for independent living; informational and socialization counseling; home visitation.

**Recreational:** Social and recreational activities.

**Employment:** Support services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Magnifiers.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

**Professional Training:** In-service training; speakers bureau.

#### **Guiding Light for the Blind**

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 627-0600

FAX: (215) 922-0692

James P. Swed, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To promote the use of and partially subsidize electronic travel guides.

**Funded by:** Trusts, foundations, corporations, friends.

**Budget:** \$117,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM-3:30 PM.

**Staff:** One part time plus 5 volunteer workers.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1990.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500.

**Eligibility:** Need for travel aid to and from work and school, some income limitations.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self help.

**Educational:** Provides free classes through Lens Crafters; income requirement.

#### **Hazleton Blind Association Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

1201 N. Church Street

Building 13, Suite 409

Hazleton, PA 18201-1457

(717) 455-0421

FAX: (717) 459-2046

Ronald V. Petrilla, Acting Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Luzerne County.

**Mission:** To provide services to blind and visually impaired persons of Lower Luzerne County and provide prevention of blindness services to the community.

**Funded by:** Contributions and special fund-raising events.

**Budget:** \$90,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time; 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200.

**Eligibility:** Varies according to service requested.

**Area Served:** Hazleton and Luzerne County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Free public education programs; free preschool vision screening. Provides aids, appliances at cost, and eyeglasses at low cost.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Personal management;

home management;  
communications.

**Educational:** Elementary school education program for blindness and eye safety.

**Preschools:** Vision screening program.

**Professional Training:** In-service programs on blindness.

**Reading:** Brailled material available.

**Rehabilitation:** Referrals to other agencies.

**Recreational:** Bowling; crafts; bus trips; parties; life skills classes.

**Employment:** Refers to other agencies.

### **Indiana County Blind Association**

31 South Tenth Street

Indiana, PA 15701

(412) 465-5549

Hazel M. (Rusty) Lomman,  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Indiana County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded; physically handicapped; hearing impaired; visually impaired in concert with any of the preceding.

**Funded by:** United Way; workshop sales; sub-contracts; grants; fund raisers; contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Eligibility:** Medically diagnosed visual disability that constitutes a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency, or a progressive condition expected to result in such a handicap.

**Area Served:** Indiana County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Preschool vision screening. Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychosocial evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Referrals.

**Educational:** Vision screening; prevention education; refers to preschools.

**Professional Training:** Vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; video magnifier; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation in client's home and community. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Limited.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops; follow-up service. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; low vision aids or appliances.

### **Juniata Association for the Blind**

658 Valley Street

Lewistown, PA 17044

(717) 242-1444

FAX: (717) 242-1445

Charles O. Nale, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Mifflin County.

**Mission:** To help blind and visually impaired individuals and their families cope with sight loss and provide them with the necessary training and support to maintain their independence.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, United Way, and public funds.

**Budget:** \$800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 7 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** Social Service Department: 63.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired; meets requirements of needs assessment and financial guidelines.

**Area Served:** Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntingdon counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Prevention of blindness; medical and financial services (for Remedial Eye Care program only); remedial eye care; vision screening; eye safety; and health education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social and financial services available.

**Educational:** Life skills education classes.

**Rehabilitation:** Life skills and chores.

**Recreational:** Sponsors a Christmas party, picnic, and trip.

**Employment:** Refers to Blindness and Visual Services Department for vocational training if not employed at agency workshop.

**Low Vision:** Refers to low vision specialist and to Blindness and Visual Services Department for financial help with exams and aids.



**Keystone Blind Association**

1230 Stambaugh Avenue  
Sharon, PA 16146  
(412) 347-5501  
FAX: (412) 347-2204  
E-mail: kba@nauticom.net  
URL: <http://http://www.nauticom.net/www/kba>  
Jonathan Fister, President/C.E.O.

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Mercer County.

**Mission:** Improving quality of life for blind persons preventing blindness, and providing employment for blind persons.

**Funded by:** United Way, workshop sales.

**Budget:** 1997: \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM -4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 20 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired, disabled.

**Area Served:** Mercer and Crawford counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Consultation and referrals to other agencies. Prevention of blindness services including preschool vision screening, glaucoma screenings, eye safety programs; community education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, family, group counseling; referrals to other community services; housing (includes form filing and moving); chore service.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book machines, cassette players, talking book records and cassettes, large-

print books and magazines. Information and referral; tape recording services on demand; radio reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teacher on staff. Independent living skills; personal and home management. Training in personal and home maintenance, nutrition and adapted aids and appliances.

**Recreational:** Bowling; field and shopping trips; audible darts; social gatherings. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Employment for disabled persons; employment referrals; follow-up.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids and services; prescription of spectacles and aids.

**Local Offices:**

**Meadville:** Mercer County Blind Association, Crawford County Office: 287 ½ Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335.

**Meadville:** Keystone Blind Association, Crawford County Office, 312 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335, (814) 333-3121.

**Lackawanna Branch Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

228 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503  
(717) 342-7613  
FAX: (717) 348-1813  
Alfred B. Davis, III, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Sub-contracts; capital income; Lions Club; gifts.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 8 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1913.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Lackawanna County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Prevention of Blindness Program; eye safety program; preschool vision screening; glaucoma screening clinics. Supplies prevention information via speakers' bureau; films; radio and television. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Life Skills Program.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work.

**Reading:** Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Radio reading service.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; aerobics; bowling. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; spectacles and low vision aids.

**Lawrence County Branch  
Pennsylvania Association for  
the Blind**

319 North Jefferson Street  
New Castle, PA 16101  
(412) 652-4571  
Larry R. Nord, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lawrence County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; United Way; sub-contracts and contributions.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired. With need.

**Area Served:** Lawrence County.

**Health:** Diagnostic, medical and surgical treatment; eyeglasses; eye bank; public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral.

**Reading:** Braille and large type books; talking book machines.

**Recreational:** Social activities.

**Employment:** Workshop; home employment; placement; follow-up.

**Montgomery County  
Association for the Blind**

212 North Main Street  
North Wales, PA 19454-3117  
(215) 661-9800  
FAX: (215) 661-9888  
Douglas A. Yingling, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Mission:** To enhance the quality of life of blind and visually impaired persons in Montgomery County through education, support, and advocacy programs

and to prevent blindness through education and screening programs.

**Funded by:** Community contributors; corporate / foundation grants; endowment; special events; bequests.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200.

**Eligibility:** Montgomery County resident; blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Montgomery County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Preschool/adult vision screening.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Comprehensive social services; peer counseling; support groups.

**Educational:** Programs to community on education about blindness (schools, scouts, retirement centers).

**Reading:** Talking book machine distribution and instruction.

**Rehabilitation:** Mobility instruction, daily living skills.

**Recreational:** Recreation / socialization activities; children's summer day camp.

**Computer Training:** Technology training program.

**Low Vision Aids:** Some low vision aids distributed.

**North Central Sight Services  
Pennsylvania Association for  
the Blind**

901 Memorial Avenue  
P.O. Box 3292  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
(717) 323-9401  
FAX: (717) 323-8194  
E-mail: rgarrett@sunlink.net  
Robert B. Garrett, President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide rehabilitation services and employment opportunities to people who are blind; prevention of blindness to children and adults.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, government contracts, endowment and Lions Club.

**Budget:** \$1.8 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 11 full time, 4 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1957.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Lycoming, Clinton, Sullivan counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Preschool vision screenings; eye examinations; prevention of blindness services (including intraocular pressure screenings and public education).

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral; individual and group counseling.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement in social work; in-service training programs for volunteers and other agencies; radio reading service.

**Reading:** Talking book machines; large type; braille material; recording services.

**Rehabilitation:** Home management; communications; personal management; orientation / mobility.

**Recreational:** Field trips; social activities.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision:** Purchase of eyeglasses; low vision aids.



**Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

2843 North Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110-1284

(717) 234-3261

FAX: (717) 234-4733

Valerie N. Weiner, Executive Vice President

Albert Clark, Director of Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide and secure comprehensive services for persons who are blind or visually impaired and to prevent blindness.

**Funded by:** State contracts, private contributions, grants, and trust income.

**Budget:** 1992/1993: \$1,719,185.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Mostly in-home/outreach service.

**Staff:** 7 full-time, 1 part time (administration/statewide operations); 3 (prevention of blindness), 8 (casework services).

**History/Date:** Est. 1910.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,950 (Social Services), 20, 924 (prevention/screening), 21,424 (public education programs).

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Serves 27 counties in Pennsylvania through executive office, 4 satellites, and outstationed staff. Subcontracts with member agencies for social services in 42 additional counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Screening for visual acuity, intraocular pressure; eye health and safety programs for children/adults of all ages; diabetic eye care intervention.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Informational counseling, educational support groups, with referral for in-depth psychological counseling and support.

**Educational:** "Life Skills Education" to foster independence, community integration, and acquisition of practical adaptive skills.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for organizational/institutional personnel; certification program for prevention of blindness personnel; semi-annual conferences for membership.

**Reading:** Talking Book equipment distribution; information and referral for large print and Braille; sighted assistance for household paperwork.

**Rehabilitation:** Basic guidance in personal and household management techniques; referral for more intensive, individualized instruction.

**Recreational:** Limited group programs and activities for socialization and recreation.

**Employment:** Information and referral.

**Low Vision:** Information and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Information and referral.

**Regional Offices:****Adams County Satellite:**

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 23 Buford Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-8931.

**Centre County Satellite:**

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 142 West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823, (814) 355-0500.

**Franklin County Satellite:**

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 181 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201, (717) 263-5393.

**Local Offices:**

**Lebanon:** Lebanon County Satellite: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 738 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, PA 17042, (717) 274-6711.

Has 29 member agencies in Pennsylvania.

**Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**

114 SR 103 South

Mt. Union, PA 17066-9601

(814) 542-2511

FAX: (814) 542-7437

Janet E. Snyder, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Mifflin County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, and physically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Lions Club and fees.

**Budget:** \$560,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 11-day sessions at residential camp; 6-day special needs sessions.

**Staff:** 6 full time; 100 summer paid staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 536.

**Eligibility:** Blind; visually impaired; mentally challenged; physically handicapped.

**Area Served:** Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

**Age Requirements:** 6 years and older.

**Health:** Nurse on duty 24 hours.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help.

**Reading:** Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille and

large-print books; braille and recorded magazines.

**Residential:** Dormitories for adults; cabins for children.

**Recreational:** Residential summer camp; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; wrestling; hiking; basketball; shuffleboard; bus trips; archery; canoeing; kayaking.

**Pittsburgh Blind Association  
Pennsylvania Association for  
the Blind (now known as  
Pittsburgh Vision Services)**

300 South Craig  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(412) 682-5600

FAX: (412) 682-8104

Dennis J. Huber, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

**Funded by:** Fees, United Way, workshop sales, sub-contracts, capital income, grants.

**Budget:** 1992-93: \$3,225,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 60 full time, 10 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1910.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, visually impaired with acuity of 20/70 or less.

**Area Served:** Allegheny County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling. Referral to

community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in social work. Orientation/mobility and rehabilitation counseling. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services upon request.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Provides consultation to other agencies for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for the elderly; bowling. Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for recreation services.

**Employment:** Career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; work preparation training program; therapeutic activities center; supported work program; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented service.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Pittsburgh Vision Services**

300 South Craig Street  
Pittsburg, PA 15213  
(412) 682-5600 or (800) 706-5050  
Dennis Huber, President

See Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind and Pittsburgh Blind Association in U.S. state listings.

**Susquehanna Association for  
the Blind and Vision Impaired**

244 North Queen Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 291-5951

FAX: (717) 291-9183

E-mail: jazbeaux@lcab.pptnet.com

Stephen Patterson, President, CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lancaster County.

**Funded by:** Contributions, sub-contracts, endowment, and bequests.

**Budget:** \$1.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 21 full time/6 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 1,500.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; visually impaired; unable to read newspaper print without correction; visual acuity of 20/70 or less; restricted fields.

**Area Served:** Lancaster County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Diagnostic eye clinic with follow-up treatment; public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral. Group work.

**Educational:** Basic skills.

**Preschools:** Birth to school age.

**Professional Training:** Cooperates with colleges and universities on internships.

**Reading:** Radio reading service; braille transcribing and Library of Congress services.



**Rehabilitation:** Teaches daily living skills, communications, orientation & mobility; sells aids and appliances.

**Recreational:** Variety of center-based and community activities.

**Employment:** Industrial employment and vocational training.

**Computer Training:** Basic literacy, adaptive tools.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Tri-County Branch  
Pennsylvania Association for  
the Blind**

1800 North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17102-2207

(717) 238-2531

FAX: (717) 238-0710

Melissa F. Stachacz, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dauphin County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired. Prevention of blindness services to the public at large.

**Funded by:** United Way, sub-contracts, workshop sales, government grants, fees, contributions, bequests.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Program accessible.

**Staff:** 17 full time, 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1921.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,949.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired or legally blind.

**Area Served:** Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Refers for and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Client and family counseling; information and referral; life skills education; chore service; case management services; support group.

**Educational:** Speakers' bureau, public education, eye safety programs, participation at health fairs.

**Preschools:** Preschool vision and hearing screening, eye safety education and information.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship/fieldwork in social work.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand; radio reading service (special receivers placed with print impaired persons).

**Residential:** Referral only.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Full range of social/recreational activities.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment oriented-services.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision:** Provides referrals for low vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provision of eyeglasses to low-income persons.

**Venango County Branch  
Pennsylvania Association for  
the Blind**

406 West First Street

Oil City, PA 16301

(814) 676-1876

Mr. Robin D. Hart, Acting  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons and works for the prevention of blindness.

**Funded by:** United Way, endowment, private contributions, Lions Clubs, and grants.

**Budget:** 1992: \$110,200.00.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 1 full-time, 2 part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1927 and Inc. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** 184 blind clients; 4,961 through prevention programs.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Venango County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Comprehensive prevention of blindness program; vision screenings; follow-up; glasses.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral services.

**Educational:** Eye safety programs in all Venango County elementary schools.

**Preschools:** Vision screenings in daycare centers, nursery schools, and at the time of registration for kindergarten.

**Professional Training:** Refers for vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** As sub-lending agency for the Library of Congress, provides talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books and magazines. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; arts and crafts; summer camp; yoga; swimming; shopping trips and excursions.

**Low Vision:** Refers for low vision service; sells aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provides magnifiers; refers for other low vision services.

**Visual Impairment and Blindness Services of Northampton County, Inc. (VIABL)**

129 East Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
(610) 866-8049

FAX: (610) 866-8730

Jan F. Leon, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Northampton County.

**Mission:** To promote the social, economic and physical self-sufficiency of blind, deaf blind and visually impaired by providing resources and skills needed to live rewarding, productive and independent lives.

**Funded by:** Private contributions, government contracts.

**Budget:** \$215,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 8 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1928.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 600.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Northampton County; Lehigh County residents with Bethlehem address.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Screenings and eye exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Adjustment to blindness counseling for individuals and their families; chore service in the home; housing assistance; life skills education (individual and group basis); personal advocacy. Assists clients to properly utilize public services and facilities; refers to community organizations for in-depth psychological counseling; rehabilitation service; drug/alcohol-related problems.

**Educational:** Community awareness programs; videos available for loan; resource room for client and community use.

**Professional Training:** Internship and field placement opportunities available.

**Reading:** Talking book equipment and large-print, braille, and recorded literature. Provides transcription service; assists in handling mail and home paperwork.

**Rehabilitation:** Instruction in home and personal management; orientation/mobility; referral for in-depth vocational rehabilitation.

**Recreational:** Weekly socialization programs designed to build appropriate communication skills, physical fitness, and adaptive abilities for crafts and homemaking; bowling; crafts, aerobics; lectures; concerts; community tours.

**Computer Training:** Computer access is available.

**Low Vision:** Vision screening for preschool children; purchases eyeglasses and special lenses for low-income people; low vision clinic; prescription of aids and appliances; training in the use of near and distance vision aids and lenses.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids and training in use is provided. Devices

are loaned for trial use prior to purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Washington-Greene Blind Association**

566 East Maiden Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
(412) 228-0770

Jack W. Pilgun II, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Contributions and Government contracts.

**Staff:** 9 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Washington and Greene counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Preschool vision and remedial eye care and school safety program.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral; chore service.

**Recreational:** Group activities.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop.

**Westmoreland County Branch Pennsylvania Association for the Blind**

911 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 1048  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
(412) 837-1250

FAX: (412) 837-3135

Jim DiMichele, Executive Director  
Howard Piper, Administrative Coordinator

Tim Miller, Director of Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Westmoreland County.



**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Contributions.

**Staff:** 10 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually handicapped.

**Area Served:** Westmoreland County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Vision screenings; remedial eye care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, and couple counseling; referral to community services. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Tuition fund.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes. Information and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; video magnifiers; rehabilitation teaching in client's home; community education; vocational evaluations. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby group; bowling; fishing; outdoor programs.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops; follow-up services. Refers for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** On individual basis. Classroom potential.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Somerset:** Somerset County Blind Center, 322 South Lynn, Somerset, PA 15501, (814) 445-1310.

#### **York County Blind Center**

1380 Spahn Avenue

York, PA 17403

(717) 848-1690

FAX: (717) 845-3889

William H. Rhinesmith, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** York County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, and learning disabled persons. Advocacy services.

**Funded by:** Lions Club; United Way; community donations; capital income; sales of products.

**Budget:** 1992: \$1,087,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 22 full time; 3 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1932.

**Number of Clients Served:** 350.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** York County.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Screening services; preschool vision and hearing screening. Public health education; remedial eye care.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group, family / parent counseling; placement in rehabilitation training; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Reading:** Radio reading services; special receivers placed with visually impaired persons. Sublending agency for the Talking Book program; provides equipment, materials from the Philadelphia Public Library.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; handwriting; braille; typing; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's

home and community; sensory training; orientation and mobility training. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Occupational skills development; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Low vision center providing evaluation and prescription of low vision aids by low vision specialist; follow-up training offered.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Hanover:** Hanover Industries for the Blind, 639 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA 17331, (717) 633-5831.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Associated Services for the Blind**

919 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 627-0600

FAX: (215) 922-0692

E-mail: [asbinfo@libertynet.org](mailto:asbinfo@libertynet.org)

URL: <http://www.libertynet.org/~asbinfo>

Patricia C. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Frederick Noesner, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

**Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind (now known as Pittsburgh Vision Services)**

311 Station Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017  
(412) 221-2200  
FAX: (412) 257-8574  
Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President  
Brenda Loughrey, Coordinator

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems.

Evaluations, system recommendations, and training provided at center on the job.

**Overbrook School for the Blind**

6333 Malvern Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597  
(215) 877-0313  
FAX: (215) 877-2709  
E-mail: barbara@obs.org  
Barbara Paton, Technology Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology**

4401 Penn Avenue  
Suite 1560

Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
(412) 687-1414  
William C. Christie, M.D.,  
President

**Pennsylvania Optometric Association, Inc.**

P. O. Box 3312  
Harrisburg, PA 17105  
(717) 233-6455  
Terry O'H. Stark, C.A.E.

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**Center for Vision Rehabilitation**

320 East North Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
(412) 359-6300  
FAX: (412) 359-6768  
Paul B. Freeman, O.D., Director

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Mission:** To enhance the visual quality of life.

**Funded by:** Client fees, county funds, federal and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues. and Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; occupational therapist; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmic assistant; optometrist; optometry student/resident; ophthalmologist.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500-600 new patients per year.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Full low vision evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; provided for purchase. On-site and in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment, home visit or phone

interview; varies according to patient.

**The Eye Institute  
Pennsylvania College of  
Optometry  
William Feinbloom Vision  
Rehabilitation Center**

1201 West Godfrey Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19141  
(215) 276-6060 or (800) 433-3937  
(433-EYES)  
FAX: (215) 276-1329  
Sarah Appel, Chief, Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Philadelphia County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive low vision services and offer rehabilitation teaching, orientation and mobility services, and computer training.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/resident; optician; social worker; special educator; mobility instructor; adaptive technology specialist; rehabilitation teacher; genetic counselor; consultation with ophthalmologist available.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000 clients per year.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Health:** Ocular health evaluations by optometrists and ophthalmologists.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social service staff available to assist clients and their families. Older adults support group meets monthly.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility services available.



**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer; adaptive technology and devices.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision rehabilitation services provided by an interdisciplinary staff.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided. Optical and nonoptical devices prescribed. Closed-circuit television magnification systems available for evaluations and instruction.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** 2 weeks, follow-up visit; 6 months, check-up; 2-year and 5-year recall.

### **Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind**

311 Station Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017  
(412) 221-2200  
FAX: (412) 257-8574  
Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D., President  
Kenneth Wojtczak, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Allegheny County.

**Mission:** To provide for people with low vision clinical and functional evaluations; optometric prescriptions, loaner aids, and training.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundation grants; general donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Totally accessible.

**Staff:** Low vision specialist; orientation/mobility instructor; optometrist; rehabilitation counselor; rehabilitation teacher.

**History/Date:** Established for outpatients in 1992.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual problem that causes functional difficulty; current ophthalmological or optometric report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling regarding vision loss and use of vision. Refers for additional services.

**Residential:** Available on short-term basis if needed.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Assessment and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed by O.D.; training provided; loaner aids available; dispensing of purchased aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment or phone contact.

### **Moore Eye Foundation**

2000 Old West Chester Pike  
Havertown, PA 19083  
(610) 449-0400  
FAX: (610) 645-3951  
Maryellen Bednarski, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Delaware County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive low vision assessment and rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Patient fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Two full days and one half day per week.

**Staff:** 3.

**Eligibility:** Visual problems which cannot be corrected by surgery, medication or eyeglasses.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Support group.

**Rehabilitation:** Referral to state agencies for orientation and mobility and rehabilitation teaching services.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral when needed.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on loan for home trial period; provided for purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

### **Northeast Eye Institute**

200 Mifflin Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503  
(717) 342-3145  
Edward Reap, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Lackawana County.

**Mission:** Provides comprehensive eye care program, specializing in low vision.

**Eligibility:** By referral.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation; assessment; rehabilitation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on a case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Scheie Eye Institute Department of Ophthalmology University of Pennsylvania Health System**

#### **Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center**

51 North 39th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 662-9320  
FAX: (215) 662-0985  
E-mail: lovision@mail.med.upenn.edu  
Janet DeBerry Steinberg, O.D.,  
Chief of Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Philadelphia County.

**Mission:** Comprehensive low vision evaluations and rehabilitation.

**Funded by:** Client fees, foundation grants, donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1874.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Health:** Optometry, ophthalmological consultations, genetics consultation.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social services, psychiatry. Social worker available.

**Professional Training:** Referrals to community and university-based resources.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; occupational therapy.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for purchase; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Telephone interviews; return appointment as needed.

### **Temple University Hospital Ophthalmology Department**

3401 North Broad Street

6th Floor, Parkinson Pavilion

Philadelphia, PA 19140

(215) 707-3401

FAX: (215) 707-1684

Jay Kubacki, M.D.

**County/District Where Located:** Philadelphia County.

**Funded by:** Client fees, hospital practice plan, medical school.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM-5:00PM; Sat. 9:00AM-2:00PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmology assistant/resident/technician; optician; psychologist; ophthalmologist; social worker available.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan at no charge; sold at cost; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interview.

### **Wills Eye Hospital**

#### **Low Vision Service**

Ninth and Walnut Streets

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 928-3450

Susan E. Edmonds, O.D., Director

Scott A. Edmonds, O.D.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Philadelphia County.

**Funded by:** Client fees, foundation grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Referral; current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted for variable charge; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; varies according to patient.

## **◆ Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Aging**

400 Market Street, 7th Floor

MSS Office Building

Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301

(717) 783-1550

FAX: (717) 783-6842

Richard Browdie, Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare**

P.O. Box 2675

Harrisburg, PA 17105

(717) 787-1069 or (800) 622-2842

Rose Putric, Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information,

contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# PUERTO RICO

## ◆ *Educational Services*

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Puerto Rico Department of Education**

#### **Special Education Program**

P.O. Box 759

Hato Rey, PR 00919

(787) 759-2000

Marta Sanabria, Supervisor

For information about local  
programs, contact the above  
address.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours  
(8:00 AM-3:00 PM school and  
rehabilitation service).

**Program Accessibility:** Preschool  
to 9th grade.

**Staff:** 91 full time. Uses  
volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Number of Clients Served:** 89.

**Eligibility:** Blind and visually  
impaired.

**Area Served:** Islandwide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3 to 21 years.

**Health:** Treatment of eye  
conditions; follow-up evaluations  
of eye treatment or prescription;  
general medical services; physical  
therapy. Refers and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
health services.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self- Help:**

Social evaluations;  
individual, family/parent, couple  
counseling; placement in school;  
referral to community services.  
Contracts and refers and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
other counseling/social work  
services.

**Educational:** Preschool through  
grade 9. Programs for adult  
continuing education; general  
academic; vocational/skill  
development.

**Preschools:** Health, related  
services, and education.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in  
orientation/mobility; special  
education. Regular in-service  
training programs, open to  
enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record  
players and cassette players;  
talking book records and cassettes;  
braille books; large-print books;  
braille magazines; recorded  
magazines; information and  
referral; transcription to braille;

translation to other languages; tape  
recording services on demand.

**Residential:** Dormitories; food  
and board.

**Recreational:** Afterschool  
programs; arts and crafts; hobby  
groups; swimming; track;  
basketball. Refers and provides  
consultation to other agencies for  
other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational  
evaluations. Refers for other  
employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Computer  
education for 7th to 9th grade  
students. Elementary computer  
recreation and related training.

**Low Vision:** Refers and consults  
to other agencies.

**Low Vision Aids:** Refers and  
consults to other agencies.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Refers.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### **Infants and Toddlers with Handicaps**

#### **Puerto Rico Department of Health**

P.O. Box 15091

Old San Juan, PR 00902

(787) 274-7676

Carmen Aviles, Early Child  
Coordinator

### SCHOOLS

#### **Instituto Loaíza Cordero para Niños Ciegos**

Fernandez Juncos 1312

Santurce, PR 00910

(787) 723-9610 or (787) 722-2498

FAX: (787) 722-3602

Shirley Raffucci, Director

**Type of Agency:** State residential  
school.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind;  
legally blind; mentally retarded,  
and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** State and donations.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### **Instituto Loaíza Cordero para Niños Ciegos**

Fernandez Juncos 1312

Santurce, PR 00910

(787) 724-0893

FAX: (787) 722-3602

Avilda Núñez, Director

**Funded by:** Instituto Loaíza  
Cordero.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Assessment:** Available from staff  
that includes an occupational  
therapist, speech pathologist,  
ophthalmologist and optometrist.

**Consultation to Public Schools:**  
Provided by the Department of  
Education.

**Direct Service:** To schools from  
preschool to Grade 9 programs;  
residential, recreation-related  
services, library, computers.

**Parent Assistance:** Available  
through Parent and Teachers  
Association.

**Materials Production:** Functional manual, brochures, norms provided.

**Professional Training:** In areas of visual impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

**University of Puerto Rico**  
P.O. Box 23355  
San Juan, PR 00931-3355  
(787) 764-2205  
FAX: (787) 763-4130  
Jose Santana, Director

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

520 Ponce de Leon Avenue  
San Juan, PR 00901  
(787) 723-2519 or (800) 981-8008  
FAX: (787) 721-8177

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide talking and braille books and play-back machines to visually and physically impaired individuals in Puerto Rico.

**Funded by:** Puerto Rico Education Department in cooperation with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Budget:** \$78,384.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM. Operates a 24-hour hot line.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,600.

**Eligibility:** Print-disabled individuals: blindness, visual impairment, physical disability, or reading disability.

**Area Served:** Puerto Rico.

**Age Requirements:** Preschoolers to senior citizens.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### **Puerto Rico Department of Education Special Education Program**

P.O. Box 190759  
Hato Rey, PR 00919-0759  
(787) 759-2000  
FAX: (787) 250-0275  
Maria Morales, Assistant

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

#### **Puerto Rico Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

520 Ponce de Leon Avenue  
Stop 8/12, Puerta de Tierra  
San Juan, PR 00901  
(809) 723-2519

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Puerto Rican culture and history.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### **Puerto Rico Deaf-Blind Parents Association**

**Projecto Ninos Sordos-Ciegos**  
Edificio B/ Antiguo Hospital Ruiz Soler  
16 Santa Rosa Unit  
Bayamon, PR 00619  
(787) 793-8625  
FAX: (787) 793-8625  
Rachel George, Contact Person

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

#### **Puerto Rico Department of Social Services**

P.O. Box 191118  
San Juan, PR 00919-1118  
(787) 724-3120  
FAX: (787) 721-6286  
Francisco Vallejo, Assistant Secretary

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Vocational rehabilitation services.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 1,040 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Eligibility:** Vocational handicap.

**Area Served:** Islandwide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** General health services.

**Educational:** General academic.

**Reading:** Reader services for individuals studying for high school diploma or college.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive services.

**Recreational:** Y.

**Employment:** Evaluations; vocational training; placements; vending facility program.

**Computer Training:** Limited.

**Low Vision:** Low vision aids training.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Hato Rey:** Home Teaching Program for Blind Adults, P.O. Box 1118, Hato Rey, PR 00919, (787) 725-1792, (787) 724-7400, ext. 2109.



**Santurce:** Corporation Industries for the Blind of Puerto Rico, San Rafael Street, Stop 20, Santurce, PR 00912, (787) 721-3266.

**Santurce:** Rehabilitation Center for the Blind of Puerto Rico, 1331 Las Palmas Street, Stop 19, Santurce, PR 00923, (787) 724-2497, (787) 724-7240.

## REHABILITATION

### **Puerto Rico Blind Rehabilitation Center**

#### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

VA Medical Center  
One Veterans Plaza  
San Juan, PR 00927-5800  
(787) 758-7575  
FAX: (787) 281-4973  
Maria Neverez, Chief

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Provides residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

## ◆ ***Aging Services***

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### **Governor's Office for Elderly Affairs**

Corbian Plaza, Stop 23  
Ponce De Leon Avenue #1603  
U.M. Office C  
Santurce, PR 00908  
(787) 721-5710 or Information & Referral (787) 721-4560  
FAX: (787) 721-6510  
Ruby Rodriguez, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

## ◆ ***Low Vision Services***

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### **Puerto Rico Ophthalmological Society**

P.O. Box 366274  
San Juan, PR 00936  
(787) 796-3746  
Tere Bertran, Executive Director

# RHODE ISLAND

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Rhode Island Department of Education

22 Hayes Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
(401) 277-2031  
Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides consultation services.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Rhode Island.

Contact local school superintendent for program information or George Barros, Consultant, or Robert Pryhoda, Consultant, Special Education Unit, 22 Hayes Street, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 277-3505.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Division of Family Health Rhode Island Department of Health

3 Capitol Hill  
Room 302  
Providence, RI 02908-5097  
(401) 277-2312  
FAX: (401) 277-1442  
William Hollinshead

**County/District Where Located:** Providence County.

Early intervention services to children aged 0-5.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 Richmond Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 277-2726 or toll-free in Rhode Island (800) 734-5141 or TDD (401) 277-2726  
FAX: (401) 277-4195  
Kenneth Marold, Machine Lending Information  
Richard Leduc, Library Program Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Providence County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5.

**Area Served:** Rhode Island.

Regional library of National Library Service network supplying talking books, braille and large-type books, tapes, cassettes, and machines. Cooperates in provision of volunteer taping program; has collection of regular print books about handicaps.

### RADIO READING

#### IN-SIGHT Radio—Division of IN-SIGHT

43 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888  
(401) 941-3322  
Carla Ferreira, Director, Radio Reading  
Judith T. Smith, President

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-Midnight; Sat.-Sun. 8:30 AM-7:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Area Served:** Rhode Island, also nearby southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

##### Rhode Island Affiliate

18 Payan Street  
West Warwick, RI 02893  
(401) 828-0520  
Diane Plante, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

#### Saving Sight Rhode Island

1800 17th Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
(401) 738-1150  
Carolyn Hart, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Providence County.

## ♦ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

40 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 277-2300 or TDD (401) 277-3010  
FAX: (401) 277-1328  
Thomas J. Thompson, Deputy Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program, Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities program, independent living program, social service program.



**Funded by:** Federal, state grants.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,778,725.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 24 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1930; became part of Office of Rehabilitation Services, 1991.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,572.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; visually impaired (acuity of 20/60); deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Contracts for medical diagnoses; physical restoration and treatment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Casework evaluation;

individual, family/parent, group counseling; psychological testing; placement in training, institution; referral to community services; educational placements; vocational assessment and counseling.

**Educational:** Orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

**Preschools:** Consultation and casework services.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education. Independent living, specialized program for those over 55 who are blind/visually impaired.

**Recreational:** Conducts a camp for blind/visually impaired children and teens.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job retention;

vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training.

**Low Vision:** Referrals to area specialists.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided as needed (income requirements).

## REHABILITATION

### IN-SIGHT (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)

43 Jefferson Boulevard

Warwick, RI 02888

(401) 941-3322 or Workshop

(401) 941-6607

Judith T. Smith, President

Phillip F. Janes, Workshop Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive services to persons who are blind or severely visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Contributions, fees for service, grants; endowment; workshop enterprise; annual fund-raising appeals.

**Budget:** \$1,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 65 full and part time; 400 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1923.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,500.

**Area Served:** Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

**Health:** Special training for persons with diabetes by registered nurse in health component of Life Skills Program.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Casework; individual,

group and family counseling; information and referral; peer support groups.

**Educational:** Parent seminars; orientation/mobility instruction.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in low vision. Regular in-service

training programs; seminars for professionals in allied fields.

**Reading:** Uses volunteers for taping and recording services and as guides; readers; braille transcribers; computerized braille center provides ready access to brailled materials for area students. Operates IN-SIGHT Radio, a radio information service.

**Rehabilitation:** Activities of daily living; communication; home management; orientation/mobility; and other training. PRIDE (Path to Rehabilitation through Information, Discovery and Education) program (ages 55 and over); aids and appliances; life skills-diabetic rehabilitation program; regional support groups.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts.

**Employment:** Industrial workshop and chair reseating, (401) 727-1111.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic providing examinations and evaluations and dispensing aids and devices.

### Local Offices:

**Providence:** IN-SIGHT, 57 Porter Street, Providence, RI 02905, (401) 941-6666, Phillip F. Janes, Workshop Director.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Assistive Technology Center

Meeting Street Center  
667 Waterman Avenue  
East Providence, RI 02914  
(401) 438-9500  
FAX: (401) 438-3760  
Danielle King, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Providence County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; word processing; computer operating

systems; training for individuals and instructors; consultation to schools.

### **Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

40 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 277-2382  
Susan Shapiro, Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:**  
Providence County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## ◆ **Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons**

Ophthalmology Consultants  
106 Francis Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401) 331-1501  
Edwin Rego, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Providence County.

#### **Rhode Island Optometric Association**

P.O. Box 8400  
Warwick, RI 02888-0400  
(401) 461-7550 or (800) 491-7550  
FAX: (401) 941-5979  
Rhoda Kelly, Executive Director

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **IN-SIGHT (Rhode Island Association for the Blind)**

43 Jefferson Boulevard

Warwick, RI 02888  
(402) 941-3322  
Helene Bradley, O.D., Director,  
Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon., Wed.  
9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Rhode Island.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment with optometrist in 1 month; home visit by social worker as needed.

over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs**

160 Pine Street  
Providence, RI 02903-3708  
(401) 277-2858  
FAX: Information and Referral in State (800) 322-2880 or (401) 277-1490  
Barbara Ruffino, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Rhode Island Department of Human Services**

40 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903-1898  
(401) 277-2300 or (800) 752-8088  
FAX: (401) 277-1328  
Thomas J. Thompson, Deputy Administrator

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and



# SOUTH CAROLINA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Office of Programs for Exceptional Children South Carolina Department of Education

Rutledge Office Building  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 734-8222

FAX: (803) 734-4824

Dr. Ora Spann, Director, Office of Programs for Exceptional Children  
Dr. Bill Chaiken, Director, Office of Technical Assistance  
Suzanne Swaffield, Education Associate

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Mission:** To provide consultation to school districts about the needs of their visually impaired students.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 1 full time for blind and visually impaired children.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500 legally blind children.

**Eligibility:** 20/50 or less activity.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** Legal school age (3-21 years).

**Educational:** Consultations to public schools.

**Preschools:** Program for 3 year olds.

**Professional Training:** In-service training for special education teachers and other professionals.

For information about educational services for children with visual disabilities, consult the director or education associate for the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children, or the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Baby Net South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 737-4047

FAX: (803) 734-4459

Kathryn F. Hart, Baby Net Program Director

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

Evaluations, service coordination, parent-to-parent support, individualized family service plans.

### SCHOOLS

#### South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29302-4699  
(864) 594-3212

FAX: (864) 585-3555

Linda A. Mackechnie, Principal,  
School for the Blind  
Dr. Sheila Breittweiser, President

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Spartanburg County.

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants; private donations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$19.7 million.

**Program Accessibility:** Barrier-free building.

**Staff:** 39 full time; 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1849.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 67 (residential and day programs); 102 (outreach).

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment that prevents participation in regular school program without resource room assistance.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-22 years. Adult postsecondary.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; audiology evaluations; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers and contracts for other eye health services. Occupational therapist and physical therapist.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations;

psychological testing and evaluations; individual counseling; placement in school.

**Educational:** Preschool through 12th grade. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational / skill development; technology preparation; computer lab.

**Preschools:** Kindergarten preparation (age 3-5) and early intervention (age 0-6).

**Professional Training:**

Internship / fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Lends talking book cassette players; talking book cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines. Library on campus. Descriptive videos. Extensive computer, special access references.

**Residential:** Dormitories; small apartments; Independent Living House.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; keyboarding; home management; orientation/mobility. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; weight lifting; horsebackriding; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; football; roller skating. Cheerleading; volleyball; cross-country; paraolympics; goal ball. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluations; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; vending stand training. Job coaches. Contracts for vocational placement.

**Computer Training:** Keyboarding skills; IBM and MAC word processing; educational software; adaptive devices.

**Low Vision:** Assessments; training weekly.

**Low Vision Aids:** Closed-circuit television; Apollo; VTEK; magnifiers; adapted computers.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Training and re-evaluation.

Provides extensive support to public schools through consultation and direct service in orientation/mobility; itinerant service to public schools available on request. Provides training in braille skills. Technology evaluations and summer programs.

Consultant for Visually Handicapped Programs, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 734-8222.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 734-7520  
FAX: (803) 734-7885  
Donald Gist, Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Mission:** To afford blind and visually impaired children the opportunity to develop maximum growth; to teach the skills necessary for optimal independent functioning; and to develop competencies for mainstreaming blind and visually impaired children effectively within community programs.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, with or without other disabilities.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Health:** Low vision exams; medical social services (dependent on financial eligibility).

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Family counseling; parent workshops.

**Educational:** Orientation/mobility, positioning and handling training available on consultant or referral basis; instruction in most developmental areas.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
(864) 594-3212  
Craig Jacobs, Director, Support Services and Outreach  
Elizabeth McKown, Outreach Coordinator

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants; private donations.

**Assessment:** Psychological; low vision; braille, orientation and mobility; speech and language; audiology. Occupational therapist and physical therapist available.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request.

**Direct Service:** Parent-infant program; tours; referrals, resources.

**Professional Training:** Braille and sign language classes.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Programs in Special Education

University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208  
(800) 777-7000  
FAX: (803) 777-3045  
Annette Skellenger, Director of Programs for the Visually Impaired, (803) 777-6732

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's) program for teachers of the visually handicapped; master's program in rehabilitation counseling; doctoral-level program in counselor education.

## ◆ Information Services

## LIBRARIES

South Carolina State Library  
Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped  
301 Gervais Street  
P.O. Box 821



Columbia, SC 29202  
 (803) 737-9970 or toll-free in South  
 Carolina (800) 922-7818  
 E-mail: guynell@leo.scsl.state.  
 sc.us  
 URL: [http://www.state.sc.us/  
 scsl/](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/)  
 Guynell Williams, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Richland County.

**Mission:** To provide library  
 services to print disabled residents  
 of South Carolina.

**Funded by:** Federal/state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri  
 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9.

**Number of Clients Served:** 7,650.

**Eligibility:** Certification of print-  
 handicap condition.

**Area Served:** State of South  
 Carolina.

Provides talking books, tapes,  
 cassettes, and large-print books on  
 loan. Provides playback equipment  
 on loan. Reader advisory service.  
 Provides descriptive videotapes on  
 loan.

## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Charleston County School District

#### Pupil Personnel Services

4720 Jenkins Avenue  
 North Charleston, SC 29405  
 (803) 745-7150  
 FAX: (803) 566-7799  
 Jan Lichtenstein, Coordinator

**Groups Served:** Preschool-high  
 school.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
 recreational; workbooks; dittos.

**Media Formats:** Braille books;  
 talking books/cassettes; large print  
 books.

### South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 (803) 734-7577  
 Norman J. Verigood, Media Center  
 Manager

#### County/District Where Located:

Richland County.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college  
 students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
 recreational, career/vocational,  
 religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille books,  
 talking books/cassettes, large print  
 books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings  
 available.

### South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Road  
 Spartanburg, SC 29302  
 (864) 585-7711  
 FAX: (864) 585-3555  
 Jack Todd, Contact Person

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Groups Served:** K-12 and  
 postsecondary.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks;  
 career/vocational; fiction for  
 children; descriptive videos.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-  
 print and cassette books.

**Title Listings:** Available on  
 request.

### South Carolina State Library Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

301 Gervais Street  
 P.O. Box 821

Columbia, SC 29202  
 (803) 737-9970 or (800) 922-7818  
 FAX: (803) 737-9983  
 E-mail: guynell@leo.scsl.state.  
 sc.us  
 URL: [http://www.state.sc.us/  
 scsl/](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/)  
 Guynell Williams, Director

#### County/District Where Located:

Richland County.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** Pre-school  
 through adult.

**Types/Content:** Wide variety of  
 fiction and non-fiction titles.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/  
 cassettes, large print books,  
 recorded magazines, braille books,  
 descriptive videotypes.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Theodore Lester Elementary School

3501 East Palmetto Street  
 Florence, SC 29506  
 (803) 665-0695  
 FAX: (803) 679-6753  
 Carol Roy, Resource Teacher for  
 the Visually Handicapped

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Florence County.

**Area Served:** PeeDee region of  
 South Carolina.

**Groups Served:** Students aged 3-  
 21.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-  
 print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

## RADIO READING

South Carolina Educational  
 Radio for the Blind  
 1430 Confederate Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201  
 (803) 734-7555  
 FAX: (803) 734-7885  
 E-mail: b.jones122@genie.geis.com  
 Beth Jones, Station Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Funded by:** South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-Midnight.

**Staff:** 3 full-time, 4 part-time; 85 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Age Requirements:** None.

See also in national listings:

National Association of Radio Reading Services

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### South Carolina Commission for the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 (803) 734-7520 or toll-free in South Carolina (800) 922-2222  
 FAX: (803) 734-7885  
 Donald Gist, Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Health:** Diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment; prescribes eyeglasses and optical aids; public education.

**Educational:** Tuition support.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home economics; communications.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; home employment; follow-up.

#### Local Offices:

**Charleston:** Fairfield Office Park, Suite 109, Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-5556.

**Conway:** 311 Beaty Street, Conway, SC 29526, (803) 248-2017.

**Florence:** 825 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, (803) 661-4788.

**Greenville:** 669 North Academy Street, Greenville, SC 29601, (864) 241-1111.

**Greenwood:** 1 Park Plaza, Suite 15, Greenwood, SC 29646, (864) 223-3334.

**Orangeburg:** The Moore Building, 1180 Boulevard, Suite A, Orangeburg, SC 29115, (803) 531-6885.

**Rock Hill:** 339 East Main Street, Suite 3, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1845.

**Spartanburg:** 269 South Church Street, Suite 312, Spartanburg, SC 29306, (864) 594-4911.

**Walterboro:** 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488, (803) 549-1501.

### REHABILITATION

#### Association for the Blind

2209 Mechanic Street  
 Charleston, SC 29405-9320  
 (803) 723-6915  
 Roy M. Proffitt, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Charleston County.

**Mission:** To improve the lives of blind and visually impaired persons in the tri-county area.

**Funded by:** United Way; workshop sales; endowment; contributions; membership.

**Budget:** \$550,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6 (management and general); 6 cane workshop; 4 medical transcriptionists; 2 others.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 5,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** White canes provided and eyeglasses purchased for needy clients as funds are available.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** On-going counseling groups, varied informal educational classes for self-improvement.

**Educational:** Medical transcription training.

**Reading:** Braille; talking books; talking book machines; readers.

**Rehabilitation:** Braille instruction and crafts classes.

**Recreational:** Social activities: beep ball, walking, and bowling.

**Recreational:** Social activities.

**Employment:** Cane workshop; medical transcriptions.

**Employment:** Affiliated with National Industries for the Blind.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### South Carolina Society of Ophthalmology

1331 Laurel Street  
 Columbia, SC 29202  
 (803) 254-6964  
 Ronald Scott, Executive Director



**South Carolina Optometric Association, Inc.**

2730 Devine Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803) 799-6721 or (803) 799-2305  
Claire Haltiwanger, Executive Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS****South Carolina Commission for the Blind**

355 Cedar Springs Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29302-4699  
(864) 594-3370  
William Spearman, O.D.  
Joy F. Rodgers, Clinic Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Spartanburg County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** One Friday each month, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist/low vision specialist.

**Eligibility:** Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided by agency or purchased by patient; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as applicable.

**South Carolina Commission for the Blind****Columbia Office**

1430 Confederate Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 734-7876  
Scott B. Johnson, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided.

**Area Served:** South Carolina.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided by agency or purchased by patient; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as applicable.

**Local Offices:**

**Charleston:** Fairfield Office Park, Suite 109, Charleston, SC 29407, (803) 766-5556.

**Florence:** 825 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, (803) 661-4788.

**Walterboro:** 776-A North Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, SC 29488, (803) 549-1501.

**South Carolina Eye Institute  
Department of Ophthalmology  
University of South Carolina  
School of Medicine**

4 Richland Medical Park  
Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 434-6836  
FAX: (803) 434-2387  
Dr. Ramesh Tripathi, Chairman,  
Ophthalmology Dept.  
Earl Loftis, Low Vision Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Richland County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:30PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; cornea specialist; retina specialist; glaucoma specialist; neuro-ophthalmologist; ophthalmic assistant; ophthalmic technician; ophthalmology resident; orthoptist; ophthalmic photographer; pediatric ophthalmologist.

**Eligibility:** Referral from ophthalmologist.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided for purchase or prescribed; fitted; sold at cost; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

**♦ Aging Services****STATE UNITS ON AGING****South Carolina Commission on Aging**

202 Arbor Lake Drive  
Suite B 500, #301  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 737-7500 or Information & Referral In State (800) 868-9095 or In Columbia (800) 735-0210  
FAX: (803) 737-7501  
Constance Rinehart, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS****South Carolina Commission for the Blind**

1430 Confederate Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 734-7566  
Jim Stuart, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Office of Special Education South Dakota Division of Education and Resources

700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2291  
(605) 773-3678 or TDD (605) 773-6139  
FAX: (605) 773-6139  
Deborah Barnett, Director of  
Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State, a division of the State Department of Education and Cultural Affairs.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** South Dakota.

In cooperation with the Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, maintains staff responsible for the education of students with disabilities.

For further information, consult the Director of the Office of Special Education. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Office of Special Education South Dakota Division of Education and Resources

700 Governors Drive

Pierre, SD 57501-2291  
(605) 773-3678 or TDD (605) 773-6302  
FAX: (605) 773-6139  
Barbara Lechner, Part H Early  
Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Hughes County.

Coordinates early intervention programs for preschoolers in South Dakota.

### SCHOOLS

#### South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped

423 S.E. 17th Avenue  
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7699  
(605) 626-2580 or TDD (605) 626-7829 or toll-free (888) 275-3814  
FAX: (605) 626-2607  
E-mail: [kaiserm@sdsvh.northern.edu](mailto:kaiserm@sdsvh.northern.edu)  
URL: <http://www.ris.sdbor.edu/sdsvh/main.htm>  
Marjorie Kaiser, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Educational programs and services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; and deaf-blind students.

**Funded by:** State general funds.

**Budget:** 1997FY: \$1,721,690.

**Staff:** 54 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1900.

**Number of Clients Served:** 180 total, on campus and outreach.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** State of South Dakota; out-of-state tuition students.

**Age Requirements:** 21 years and under.

**Health:** Nursing; speech therapy. Contracts occupational therapy and physical therapy and refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation;

psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, counseling. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12; also non-graded. General academic studies; vocational/skill development. Diagnostic program provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary educational evaluations, including braille and functional vision.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement; low vision; orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Braille, large print.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Rehabilitation:** Cooperative services with Service to the Blind and Visually Handicapped (state vocational rehabilitation).

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; rifle club; cross country skiing.

**Employment:** Transition services statewide; prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; vocational placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Adaptations for screen readers and screen enlargement.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service.

**Low Vision Aids:** Functional applications in classroom and community.

Outreach offices in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Rapid City.

Outreach consultants assist parents and local schools in providing appropriate educational programs; on-site visits; in-service training and educational materials and resources.



**STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES****South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped**

423 S.E. 17th Avenue  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
(605) 626-2580  
FAX: (605) 626-2607  
E-mail: kaiserm@sdsvh.northern.edu  
URL: <http://www.ris.sdbor.edu/sdsvh/main.htm>  
Dawn LaMee, Liaison for Services

**Age Requirements:** Birth-21 years.

**Assessment:** Multidisciplinary assessments conducted.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Provided by outreach consultants.

**Direct Service:** Regional consultants perform on-site visits and in-service training to assist parents and local schools.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS****South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped**

800 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2295  
(605) 773-3131 or toll-free  
(800) 423-6665  
FAX: (605) 773-4950  
E-mail: danb@stlib.state.sd.us  
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

**Area Served:** South Dakota.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge, supplied in braille with a charge.

**UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS****Northern State College Special Education Program**

P.O. Box 645  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
(605) 626-2621  
FAX: (605) 626-3102  
Dr. Marva Gelhaus, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Brown County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate program for teachers of the visually handicapped.

**◆ Information Services****LIBRARIES****South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped**

800 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2295  
(605) 773-3514 or (800) 423-6665  
FAX: (605) 773-4950  
E-mail: danb@stlib.state.sd.us  
Daniel W. Boyd, Director

**Type of Agency:** Library for the blind and physically handicapped.

**Mission:** Provide access to print materials in braille, recorded, or large-print formats.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$325,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 7.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000.

**Eligibility:** Application required certifying visual impairment physical handicap that prevents holding book and/or turning pages, or reading/learning

disability caused by organic disfunction.

**Area Served:** South Dakota.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES****South Dakota Industries for the Blind**

800 West Avenue North  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796  
(605) 367-5266  
FAX: (605) 367-5263  
Frank Greet, Braille Print Coordinator

**Area Served:** U.S.

**Groups Served:** Schools, the public and private businesses.

**Types/Content:** All types of print materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille supplied at \$.30/pg.; \$15.00/min.

**RADIO READING****Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired**

East Highway 34, c/o 500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-4644  
FAX: (605) 773-5483  
E-mail: theresag@dhs.state.sd.us

Grady Kickul, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hughes County.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

**Staff:** 50.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 14 and up.

## ◆ **Rehabilitation Services**

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired South Dakota Department of Human Services**

East Highway 34  
c/o 500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-4644 or TDD (605) 773-4544  
FAX: (605) 773-5483  
Grady Kickul, Director, Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To provide individualized rehabilitation services which result in optimal employment and independent living outcomes for citizens who are blind and visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Budget:** 1997: \$2,800,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 40 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1943.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired and residing in South Dakota.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** 14 years and older.

**Health:** Diagnosis, evaluation, and physical restoration services resulting in increased visual functioning, including low vision services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Personal adjustment,

vocational, peer, and family counseling. Information and referral services. Consultation.

**Educational:** Assistance with vocational and academic training leading to employment.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training program open to enrollment by other organizations.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; communications; independent living skills; leisure time activity; self-advocacy; and in-home rehabilitation teaching services.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation, exploration; work adjustment; and job-seeking skills services. Job placement follow-up; and supported employment services.

**Computer Training:** Evaluation regarding access devices, job-specific training, employment consultation and placement; training in word processing, database and spreadsheets.

**Low Vision:** One state-run low vision clinic and 16 rural low vision clinics annually.

**Low Vision Aids:** All aids recommended provided, subject to agency financial need criteria.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Low vision specialist and rehabilitation teacher provide in-home training and follow-up.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Aberdeen:** Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, 315 South Wilson, Aberdeen, SD 57401-5055, (605) 626-2395.

**Pierre:** Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, c/o 912 East Sioux, Pierre, SD 57501-5070, (605) 773-4921.

**Rapid City:** Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, Time Square Plaza, 111-A New York Street, Rapid City, SD 57701-1156, (605) 394-2253.

**Sioux Falls:** Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 800 West Avenue North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796, (605) 367-5260.

**Sioux Falls:** Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, 817 West Russell, Suite 102, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1360, (605) 367-5260.

### REHABILITATION

#### **South Dakota Industries for the Blind**

800 West Avenue North  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796  
(605) 367-5266  
FAX: (605) 367-5263  
Martin M. Luebke, Administrator  
Steve Bruggeman, Sales/  
Production Manager

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for individuals who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled.

**Funded by:** Public funds; workshop sales; federal grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996.: 70.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; other disabilities.

**Health:** Referred to community resources.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling, referrals to community resources.

**Rehabilitation:** Work adjustment training; World of Work Classes; job placement; job coaching; life coaching.

**Employment:** Development of work skills; job placement and



retention; situational community-based evaluation; braille services; job coaching services; employment services.

### **South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**

800 West Avenue North  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796  
(605) 367-5260

FAX: (605) 367-5263

E-mail: martin.l@hssfi.state.sd.us

Martin M. Luebke, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for individuals who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, multiply disabled.

**Funded by:** Public funds, fees for services.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time, 2 part time.  
Volunteers used.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996:  
65.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Midwest.

**Health:** Referred to community resources.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and group counseling, referrals to community resources.

**Professional Training:** Field rehabilitation teacher training.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; typing; money management; home management; orientation / mobility; independent living experience; computer training; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Individualized evening / weekend programs; arts and crafts; camping; canoeing; hiking; bowling; swimming; table

games; beepball; goal ball; cross country skiing.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; career / skill counseling; referral to South Dakota Vocational Resources for work adjustment training; job placement; job coaching services; employment services.

**Computer Training:** IBM compatible systems.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Service to the Visually Impaired/Business and Education Institute**

Dakota State University  
Madison, SD 57042  
(605) 256-5555

FAX: (605) 256-5174

Rick Sterling

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; voice activated applications.

### **◆ Low Vision Services**

#### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

##### **South Dakota Academy of Ophthalmology**

1025 Strawberry

P.O. Box 803

Helena, MT 59624

(605) 449-2334

Gloria Hermanson, Executive Director

##### **South Dakota Optometric Society**

P. O. Box 1173

Pierre, SD 57501

(605) 224-8199

Cathie Ellis, Director

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **South Dakota Low Vision Services**

##### **Service for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

800 West Avenue North  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5796

(605) 367-5262 or (605) 367-5260

FAX: (605) 367-5263

Dawn Backer, Low Vision Specialist

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Minnehaha County.

**Funded by:** State funds and client fees.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision specialist.

**Eligibility:** Referral by agency representative after ophthalmological examination is provided. Referral from other state agencies.

**Area Served:** South Dakota.

Low vision clinics conducted across the state and at the South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

### **◆ Aging Services**

#### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

##### **Office of Adult Services and Aging**

700 Governor's Drive

Pierre, SD 57501

Information and Referral

(605) 773-3656 or Department of Human Services (800) 265-9684

FAX: (605) 773-4855

Gail Ferris, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS**

**Division of Service to the Blind  
and Visually Impaired  
South Dakota Department of  
Human Services**

East Highway 34  
c/o 500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-4644 or (800) 265-9684  
Grady Kickul, Director  
Gaye Mattke, Project Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# TENNESSEE

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Tennessee Department of Education

132 Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37219  
(615) 741-2851

FAX: (615) 532-9412

Dr. Jane Walters, Commissioner  
Joseph Fisher, Executive Director,  
Division of Special Education  
Dr. Cleo J. Harris, Coordinator of  
Vision Services

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds for visually handicapped children attending local schools.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1947.

Provides consultation in educational services for local schools and agencies. Distributes braille and large type books, tapes, tape recorders, and talking books.

For information about local programs consult the superintendent of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Office for Special Education Tennessee Department of Education

8th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0380  
(615) 741-2851

FAX: (615) 532-9412

Dr. Jane Walters, Commissioner  
Sarah Willis, Part H Early  
Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Davidson County.

### SCHOOLS

#### Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214

(615) 231-7300

FAX: (615) 231-7307

E-mail: brewerr01@ten-nash.ten.  
k12.tn.us

Ralph A. Brewer, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Davidson County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00AM-4:30PM.

**Staff:** 181 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1844.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 165.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; resident of Tennessee.

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Clinic provided for students.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides counseling and psychological evaluations.

**Educational:** Preschool-grade 12, and nongraded. Programs for college prep; general academic; prevocational.

**Preschools:** Programs for 3 and 4 year olds.

**Professional Training:**  
Internship/field work placement in low vision; orientation/mobility; special education.

**Residential:** Y.

**Recreational:** Arts and crafts; hobby groups; residential summer

camp; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling. Refers for other recreational service.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; office occupations; work experience (community).

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation of students.

Contact local school superintendent or Ms. Rebecca Reddy, Preschool Counselor, (615) 231-7300.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Memphis City Schools

2597 Avey Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38112  
(901) 325-5614

Genevieve De Priest, Director of Special Education  
Lev Williams, Consultant for Visually Limited

**Type of Agency:** Public school preschool program.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shelby County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 monies, state funds, Handicapped Children's Early Education Program grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00AM-4:00PM.

**Staff:** For vision program: 31 full time (includes visually handicapped teachers); various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** Memphis.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; health services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Classes for visually handicapped and multihandicapped children, 3-5 years old. Consultant services to other programs.

**Local Offices:**

**Memphis:** Visually Limited Center, 1360 Colonial Road, Memphis, TN 38117, (901) 761-8940.

**Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools**

**Visually Impaired Multihandicapped Program**

2601 Bransford Avenue

Nashville, TN 37204

(615) 259-8698

FAX: (615) 259-8708

Margaret Horsnell, Director of Special Education

Karen White, Lead Vision Teacher

**County/District Where Located:** Davidson County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 monies and local school funds.

**Staff:** 2 full time (visually handicapped/multiply handicapped teacher); 6 part time (includes physical therapist); occupational therapist available as consultant. Uses volunteers, practicum students.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling and financial assistance available on referral.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas. Multihandicapped classroom in special public school.

**Services for the Blind Tennessee Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor  
400 Deaderick Street

Nashville, TN 37248-6200

(615) 313-4914

FAX: (615) 741-6508

Terry C. Smith, Director

**Type of Agency:** State, a division of the Department of Human Services.

**Mission:** Services to visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 13 full time (rehabilitation teachers).

**History/Date:** Est. 1943.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Entire state.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Instruction in some developmental areas.

**Local Offices:**

**Chattanooga:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 1501 Riverside Drive, Fifth Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 493-6056, Reed White, Regional Supervisor.

**Columbia:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, P.O. Box 457, 6011 Mount Pleasant Pike, Columbia, TN 38401, (615) 388-4015, Linda Fleming, Regional Supervisor.

**Jackson:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301, (901) 423-5620, John R. Warmath, Regional Supervisor.

**Johnson City:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 929-9142, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.

**Knoxville:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 531 Hemley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902, (423) 594-6054, Cal Gilespeie, Regional Supervisor.

**Memphis:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 170 North Main Street, Room 802, Memphis, TN 38103, (901) 543-7309, Roger Boeving, Regional Supervisor.

**Nashville:** Tennessee Services for the Blind, 88 Hermitage Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 741-2111, Stephen Pruitt, Regional Supervisor.

Home-based, consultant services to other programs.

**Tennessee School for the Blind**

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike

Nashville, TN 37214

(615) 231-7300

FAX: (615) 231-7307

Rebecca Reddy, Director of Outreach Services

**Type of Agency:** State school.

**Mission:** Parent training for families with preschool children who are visually impaired or blind.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 12-month program operating within school hours.

**Staff:** 3 regional coordinators.

**History/Date:** Est. 1844.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired children with or without other disabilities.

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Provides adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; various health services, including low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Instruction in all developmental areas.



Center- and home-based programs for visually impaired children; consultation services to other programs.

### STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

#### Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
(615) 231-7300  
FAX: (615) 231-7307  
Rebecca Reddy, Director of Outreach Services

**County/District Where Located:** Davidson County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1884.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through school age.

**Assessment:** Preschool diagnostic program.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request.

**Direct Service:** Through Media Center.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent training available for parents of preschool children.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Tennessee Department of Education

#### Resource Center for the Visually Impaired

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
(615) 231-7340  
FAX: (615) 231-7307  
Carol McCarroll, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Davidson county.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, tangible aids equipment.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### Peabody College of Vanderbilt University

Box 328, Peabody College  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 322-2249  
FAX: (615) 343-1570  
Dr. Ann Kaiser, Chairperson

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of visually impaired.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37243-0313  
(615) 741-3915 or toll-free in Tennessee (800) 342-3308  
E-mail: mmarkham@mail.state.tn.us

Mary Lou Markham, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public library service.

**Mission:** To provide free public library to residents of Tennessee, who cannot read a regular print book due to a visual or physical impairment.

**Funded by:** State and federal monies.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 15.

**History/Date:** Est. 1970.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 6,700.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who cannot read, hold, or turn the pages of a regular print book due to visual or physical impairment.

**Area Served:** State of Tennessee.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Clover Bottom Developmental Center

275 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
(615) 231-5000  
Steve Roth, Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:** Davidson County.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

#### Middle Tennessee Reception Center

7177 Cockrill Bend Industrial  
Nashville, TN 37243-0470  
(615) 741-4840  
Mike Slaughter, Unit Manager

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, general.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

#### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

205 Badger Road  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
(423) 482-3496  
FAX: (423) 483-9934  
E-mail: tennessee@rdbd.org  
Sherrie Shuler, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Anderson County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

#### Temple Israel Sisterhood

1376 East Massey Street

Memphis, TN 38120  
(901) 761-3130  
FAX: (901) 761-1448  
Doris S. Kiersky, Chairperson,  
Services to the Blind

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shelby County.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; personal requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Braille lists supplied at no charge.

### **Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37243-0313  
(615) 741-3915 or toll-free in Tennessee (800) 342-3308  
E-mail: mmarkham@mail.state.tn.us  
Mary Lou Markham, Librarian

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Groups Served:** Visually and physically handicapped residents of Tennessee.

**Types/Content:** Recreational and informational reading.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes and large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### **RADIO READING**

#### **The Talking Library**

700 Second Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37210  
(615) 862-5874  
FAX: (615) 862-5796  
Jim Stanford, Manager, Talking Library

**County/District Where Located:**  
Davidson County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Area Served:** 100-mile radius from Nashville (43 counties in middle Tennessee).

#### **WYPL-FM**

1850 Peabody Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104  
(901) 725-8833  
FAX: (901) 725-8814  
E-mail: wypl@memphis.lib.tn.us  
URL: <http://www.memphislibrary.lib.tn.us>  
Steven C. Terry, Sr., Station Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Shelby County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun. 6:00 AM-12:00 midnight.

**Staff:** 4 full-time, 9 part-time, volunteer readers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** 21 counties in west Tennessee.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

#### **Prevent Blindness Tennessee**

95 White Bridge Road  
Suite 513  
Nashville, TN 37205  
(615) 352-0450  
FAX: (615) 352-5750  
E-mail: 104706.1101@compuserve.com  
Alice Orr, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Davidson County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Tennessee Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Citizens Plaza Building, 11th Floor  
400 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37248-6200  
(615) 313-4914  
FAX: (615) 741-6508  
Terry C. Smith, Director, Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** State, a division of the Department of Human Services.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; state and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 81 full-time staff working with visually impaired clients. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1943.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,750.

**Eligibility:** Severely visually impaired or with bilaterally progressive vision.

**Area Served:** State of Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.



**Educational:** Non-graded. Accepts deaf-blind; learning disabled; mentally retarded. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic; vocational / skill development.

**Preschools:** Direct services provided by rehabilitation teachers.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement in low vision; orientation / mobility; rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Reader services provided to clients who are in college or other training programs. Some services may be coordinated with state library.

**Residential:** Dormitories available at Tennessee Rehabilitation Center.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational rehabilitation services; personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; low vision services; technology-related services; vocational training; orientation / mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Provided at Tennessee Rehabilitation Center. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending facility training. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Evaluation and training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Prescription and provision of spectacles or low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Glasses and aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Local Offices:

**Chattanooga:** 311 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Chattanooga, TN 37403, (423) 634-6735, Sandy Booher, Regional Supervisor.

**Columbia:** 209 Waynes Street, P.O. Box 457, Columbia, TN 38401, (615) 380-2563, Patti Bell, Regional Supervisor.

**Cookeville:** 444 Neal Street, Cookeville, TN 38561, (615) 526-9783, Sandy Booher, Regional Supervisor.

**Dyersburg:** 1979 St. John Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024, (901) 285-4220, Kathy Edwards, Regional Supervisor.

**Jackson:** 225 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 104-A, Jackson, TN 38301, (901) 423-5606, Kathy Edwards, Regional Supervisor.

**Johnson City:** 905 Buffalo Street, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 434-6937, Clyde T. Bible, Regional Supervisor.

**Knoxville:** 531 Henley Street, Suite 204, Knoxville, TN 37902, (423) 594-6054, Cher Bosch, Regional Supervisor.

**Memphis:** 170 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103, (901) 543-7578, Angie Respass, Regional Supervisor.

**Nashville:** 88 Hermitage Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 532-4851, Stan Long, Regional Supervisor.

**Shelbyville:** P.O. Box 496, 1304 Railroad Avenue, Shelbyville, TN 37160, (615) 685-5019, Patti Bell, Regional Supervisor.

**Smyrna:** Tennessee Rehabilitation Center, 460 Ninth Avenue, Smyrna, TN 37167, (615) 741-4921, Gale Demmick, Supervisor of Visually Impaired Services.

## REHABILITATION

### Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired

220 Overton Avenue

P.O. Box 111274

Memphis, TN 38111-1274

(901) 577-7800

FAX: (901) 577-3613

Deborah Cotney, President, Senior Services

Kim Bishop, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Primary, vocational and non-vocational services to blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Community grants and donations; state funding.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 5.5. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 200.

**Eligibility:** Severe visual impairment that limits independence.

**Area Served:** Greater Memphis and surrounding counties.

**Age Requirements:** Serves all ages.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual, group and family counseling; referral to community services. Refers for other counseling / social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Educational:** Provides in-service training. Contracts with public schools.

**Preschools:** Consultation and contract assessment and instruction.

**Professional Training:** Orientation and mobility; rehabilitation teaching.

**Reading:** Tutorial assistance.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides vocational rehabilitation services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services. Provides consultation to other agencies. Periodically provides planned group activities.

**Employment:** Refers for employment services.

**Computer Training:** Computer Training Center.

**Low Vision:** Assessment; dispense nonprescription devices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids recommended and dispensed.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided as necessary.

**Local Offices:**

**Memphis:** 4700 Poplar Avenue, Suite 100, Memphis, TN 38117.

**Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind**

4110 Charlotte Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37209  
(615) 741-2251

FAX: (615) 741-5024

W. Allen Broughton, Executive Vice President

Tonya Craft, Rehabilitation Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide employment for visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Lions Club, donations, state of Tennessee.

**Budget:** \$1,394,991.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** 82.

**Eligibility:** Central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or whose visual acuity if better than 20/200 is accompanied by a limit to the field of vision in the better eye to such a degree that its widest

diameter subtends an angle no greater than 20°.

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation program to train and place visually impaired persons.

**Employment:** Provides employment to the blind and legally blind persons.

**Lions Volunteer Blind Industries**

758 West Morris Boulevard  
Morristown, TN 37815  
(423) 586-3922

FAX: (423) 586-1479

Fred Overbay, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Washington County.

**Mission:** Provides gainful employment for blind workers.

**Funded by:** Sales.

**Budget:** \$300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 31.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18-65 years.

**Local Offices:**

**Donalson:** 115 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Donalson, TN 37214.

**Johnson City:** 2232 Watauga Road, Johnson City, TN 37601, (423) 927-7008.

**Tennessee Rehabilitation Center Visually Impaired Services**

460 Ninth Avenue  
Smyrna, TN 37167-2010  
(615) 741-4921

FAX: (615) 355-1373

Gayle Demmik, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Comprehensive rehabilitation and referral services.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Residential facility.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** Fiscal year 1991-92: approximately 145 clients.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired; Tennessee resident.

**Area Served:** Entire state of Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 17 years or older.

**Health:** Occupational/physical/speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluation; individual/group counseling.

**Educational:** Adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.

**Preschools:** Child care for clients who are day students.

**Residential:** Dormitory for multiply handicapped adults.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living/communication skills; orientation/mobility; sensory training; low vision; braille.

**Recreational:** Arts/crafts; hobbies; bowling; swimming; evenings/weekends.

**Employment:** Evaluation; counseling; training; refers for placement in sheltered workshops and vocational placements.

**Computer Training:** Adaptive technology for visually impaired persons to access computers.

**Low Vision Aids:** Spectacles and aids loaned, issued.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Referred as needed.



**VITAL (Visually Impaired Training and Learning) Center**

1302 South Willow Street  
P.O. Box 3467  
Chattanooga, TN 37404  
(423) 624-0025  
FAX: (423) 624-1226  
Michael Bliss, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide professional rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** Fees, state and local funds, foundations, fund raising, and bequests.

**Budget:** \$270,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible for all disabilities.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Founded 1987.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired individuals.

**Area Served:** Middle Tennessee and northern Kentucky.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Health:** Low vision clinic. Sells low vision devices, independent living aids and appliances.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Sight loss discussion groups, family program, information and referral.

**Educational:** Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

**Preschools:** Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

**Professional Training:** University intern program. Low vision training for ophthalmology residents.

**Reading:** Talking book information and referral.

**Residential:** Day facility.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility, adapted living skills, and communications.

**Recreational:** Social activities. Sports program.

**Employment:** Adaptive Employment Program (AEP), progressive program to train and assist in the placement of visually impaired individuals in jobs in the community. On-site job analysis for employers.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on adaptive computers.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation by appointment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for training and purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** 6 month follow-up or as needed.

**VITAL (Visually Impaired Training and Learning) Center of Nashville**

P.O. Box 121498  
Nashville, TN 37212-1498  
(615) 321-3773  
FAX: (615) 321-4092  
Carlene Lebus, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Davidson County.

**Mission:** To provide professional rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Funded by:** Fees and contractual services.

**Budget:** \$325,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Accessible for all disabilities.

**Staff:** 7.

**History/Date:** Est. 1992.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired individuals.

**Area Served:** Middle Eastern Tennessee and Southern Kentucky.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Health:** Low vision clinic. Sells low vision devices, independent living aids and appliances.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Sight loss discussion groups, family program, information and referral.

**Educational:** Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

**Preschools:** Contract services available for area schools and agencies.

**Professional Training:** University intern program.

**Reading:** Talking book and radio reading service information and referral.

**Residential:** Day facility.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility, adapted living skills, and communications.

**Employment:** Adaptive Employment Program (AEP), progressive program to train and assist in the placement of visually impaired individuals in jobs in the community. On-site job analysis for employers.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on adaptive computers.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation by appointment.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for training and purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** 6 month follow-up or as needed.

**Volunteer Blind Industries**

758 West Morris Boulevard  
Morristown, TN 37815-0706  
(615) 586-3922  
Fred Overbay, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamblen County.

**Mission:** Offer rehabilitation services and gainful employment.

**Funded by:** Fees; workshop sales; capital income.

**Budget:** \$300,000 (Rehabilitation Department).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 13 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 100 (rehabilitation); 150 workshop employers.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Tennessee.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and older.

**Health:** Referrals to eye health services.

**Educational:** Programs for deaf-blind persons; for adult continuing education; vocational/skill development.

**Reading:** Distributes talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large print books; braille magazines. Information and referral.

**Residential:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; Optacon; typing; video magnifiers; home management; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement.

**Computer Training:** Basic skills; sensory aids technology.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation; training in use of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Tennessee Rehabilitation Center

460 Ninth Avenue  
Smyrna, TN 37167-2010  
(615) 741-4921

FAX: (615) 355-1373  
Cynthia Andersen, Sensory Aids Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; assessments for educational and vocational programs.

### Tennessee School for the Blind

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214  
(615) 231-7300

Ralph A. Brewer, Superintendent

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

## EYE CARE SOCIETIES

### Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology

P.O. Box 681806  
Franklin, TN 37068-1806  
(615) 794-1851

James C. Fleming, M.D., President  
Sue Chasteen, Executive Director

### Tennessee Optometric Association, Inc.

3200 West End Avenue, Suite 402  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 269-9092 or (800) 451-2438  
Gary Odom

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Erlanger Medical Center Lions Low Vision Service

970 East Third Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 778-4000

FAX: (423) 778-4050  
Deborah D. DiStefano, M.D.,  
Department Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Hamilton County.

**Funded by:** Lions Club.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; ophthalmic resident; ophthalmologist.

**Low Vision Aids:** Assistance for patients ordering from optical shop.

### Southern College of Optometry

1245 Madison Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104  
(901) 725-0180 or (901) 722-3200, ext. 274  
FAX: (901) 722-3275  
E-mail: teubank@sco.edu  
Tressa Eubank, O.D., Low Vision Clinic

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Shelby County.

**Mission:** To provide low vision rehabilitation services for persons of all ages.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 10:00AM-4:00PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/resident.



**Number of Clients Served:** 200 annually.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive low vision evaluation performed by optometrist with student assistance.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; sold at cost; prescribed and fitted for variable charge. On-site and in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

**White Station Lions Foundation**

P.O. Box 240123

Memphis, TN 38124

(901) 767-5466

Gene Williams, Acting Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Shelby County.

**Mission:** Serves as a clearinghouse to provide low vision and visually impaired persons with referrals to medical and service organizations.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

Nashville, TN 37243-0860

(615) 741-2056

FAX: (615) 741-3309

Emily Wiseman, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information and other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**Tennessee Department of Human Services  
Division of Rehabilitation Services**

400 Deaderick Street

Nashville, TN 37248

(615) 313-4921 or (800) 628-7818

Julia Hinds, Program Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.

◆ **Aging Services**

**STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Commission on Aging**

500 Deaderick Street

Ninth Floor

Andrew Jackson Building

# TEXAS

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Texas Education Agency

1701 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-9414

FAX: (512) 475-9560

URL: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/specmain.ahtm>

[www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/specmain.ahtm](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/specmain.ahtm)

Ms. Marty Murrell, Director of Programs for Students with Visual Impairments

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Travis County.

**Mission:** Administers state funds for education and related services to students with visual, impairments from birth through age 21. Provides consultation, and other support for education programs. Interfaces with other public education services and other agencies serving disabled persons. Provides state adopted braille, large print textbooks to students with visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Childhood Program

#### Texas Department of Health

4900 North Lamar Boulevard  
Austin, TX 78756

(512) 424-6745

FAX: (512) 424-6833

Mary Elder, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for children: screening and assessment; physical, occupational, speech, and language therapy; activities to develop cognitive and (adaptive) skills; adaptive equipment; transportation. Families are served through: case management; training on how to help their children; counseling; support groups.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Eligibility:** Children under age 3 with a developmental delay or a medically diagnosed condition known to lead to delay.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Under age 3.

### SCHOOLS

#### Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 West 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 454-8631

FAX: (512) 454-3395

Philip Hatlen, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Travis County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** 1997: \$11,073,314.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/day.

**Staff:** 416 full time and part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1856.

**Number of Clients Served:** 96:420.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, resident of Texas.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5-22 years.

**Health:** Medical, ophthalmological, and dental treatment for students.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Family counseling; psychological testing; consultation and referral.

**Educational:** Elementary through secondary level for blind children, including those who are multiply disabled and deaf-blind; summer school programs. Vocational evaluations for public school students; educational assessments for all visually impaired students; early childhood outreach program statewide.

**Professional Training:** Summer programs; college-level coursework on campus.

**Residential:** Home-style living facilities and group homes for elementary, secondary and deaf-blind students.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications; occupational therapy; physical therapy.

**Recreational:** Afterschool and weekend activities.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems, screen magnification systems, braille access systems, and word processing.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children

4242 Office Parkway

Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 828-9900

FAX: (214) 828-9901

Robert Berger, Executive Director  
Carol Danielson, Education Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.



**County/District Where Located:** Dallas County.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive family-focused services to families who have a child with developmental delays, including visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Private donations, state, federal funds, United Way.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Staff:** 16 full time (visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers; physical therapist; orientation/mobility specialists); occupational therapists, speech pathologists, social workers. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950.

**Eligibility:** Visually handicapped children ages 0-3, with or without other handicaps.

**Area Served:** Dallas, Tarrant, and surrounding counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; functional vision exams; medical evaluations; immunizations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; case management; family-focused early childhood intervention parent component.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas; consultant services to other specialized programs, and inclusive settings.

**Preschools:** Home- and center-based programs for developmentally delayed, including visually handicapped, children, 0-5 years. Inclusive day care facility.

**Professional Training:** Professional development and parent workshops on working

with preschool aged visually impaired children.

**Low Vision:** Clinic on-site.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training in use of aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

### **Developmental Education Birth through Two (DEBT Project)**

1628 19th Street

Lubbock, TX 79401

(806) 766-1172

FAX: (806) 766-1286

Laura Kender, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**County/District Where Located:** Lubbock County.

**Funded by:** Local funds, state funds for Early Education. Federal Part H IDEA funds, Early Education Program Outreach grant, Title IV-B, private donations.

**Staff:** 45 full-time equivalents. Various therapists and specialists available as consultants. Uses volunteers. Advisory board with parent members.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 330.

**Eligibility:** Developmentally delayed children aged 0-2 years.

**Area Served:** Lubbock Independent School District. Expanded program serving 12-county rural areas in western Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-2 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; medical evaluations; nutrition; services necessary to enable a child to benefit from the other early intervention services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; financial assistance; skill-building opportunities for parents; service coordination.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based activities and consultant services for visually impaired, multihandicapped, and other disabled children, 0-2 years.

### **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

#### **Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1100 West 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 206-9242

FAX: (512) 206-9320

E-mail: cmiller@tenet

Cyral Miller, Director of Outreach

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. deaf-blind program in 1981; expanded to a separate Outreach Department in 1990 to serve all students with visual impairments.

**Age Requirements:** Students from 0-22 years, their families, and related service providers.

**Assessment:** Technology evaluation; assistance in training assessment personnel on appropriate evaluation techniques.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On-site consultation regarding programming for identified students as well as organization of overall delivery of services.

**Direct Service:** Technical assistance to local personnel rather than direct provision of educational instruction.

**Parent Assistance:** Parent training; resources and information; support for parent groups; financial assistance to attend workshops.

**Professional Training:** Offer local, regional, and statewide workshops and conferences both as sponsor and in coordination with other organizations.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

**Texas Instructional Materials Center for Students with Visual Handicaps/Texas Education Agency**  
**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
 1100 West 45th Street  
 Austin, TX 78756  
 (512) 206-9335  
 FAX: (512) 206-9320  
 E-mail: necaise@tenet.edu  
 Nick Necaise, Visually Handicapped Program Consultant

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Travis County.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Groups Served:** Local school districts.

**Title Listings:** Titles available through quota funds listed in catalogs from the American Printing House for the Blind.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Stephen F. Austin State University

SFA Station, Box 13019  
 Nacogdoches, TX 75962  
 (409) 468-2906  
 FAX: (409) 468-1342  
 Robert Bryant, Orientation and Mobility, (409) 468-1220  
 William Bryan, Visually Handicapped, Dual Competency, (409) 468-1036

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Nacogdoches County.

**Programs Offered:** Undergraduate programs for teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility specialists, dual competency teachers of the visually impaired/orientation and mobility.

### Texas Tech University College of Education

Box 41071  
 Lubbock, TX 79409-1071  
 (806) 742-2320 or (806) 742-2345  
 FAX: (806) 742-2179 or (806) 742-1331  
 E-mail: vpvms@ttacs.ttu.edu  
 Dr. Virginia Sowell, Orientation and Mobility and Visual Impairment  
 Dr. Alan Koenig, Coordinator of Programs  
 Dr. Roseanna Davidson, Dual Sensory Impairment  
 Dr. Nora Griffin-Shirley, Orientation and Mobility  
 Dr. Pat Kelley, Orientation and Mobility and Visual Impairment

**Programs Offered:** Graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of students with visual impairments and multiple disabilities and students with dual sensory impairments and for orientation and mobility specialists. Certification-only and summer coursework also offered.  
**Distance Education:** Y.

### University of Texas at Austin

Special Education Department, EDB 306  
 Austin, TX 78712  
 (512) 471-4161  
 FAX: (512) 471-4061  
 URL: <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/oandm/>  
 Dr. Brad Walker, Orientation and Mobility

**Programs Offered:** Certification (post bachelor's) and graduate (master's, doctoral) programs for teachers of the visually impaired or multiply disabled students. Additional coursework in early childhood available. Other areas of special education and rehabilitation and transitional programming.

**Distance Education:** Y.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Texas State Library Talking Book Program

Capitol Station  
 P.O. Box 12927  
 Austin, TX 78711  
 (512) 463-5458 or toll-free in Texas (800) 252-9605  
 FAX: (512) 463-5436  
 E-mail: [tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)  
 URL: <http://link.tsl.state.tx.us>  
 Dale Propp, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Travis County.

**Mission:** Provide free library service to Texans who, because of a visual, physical, or learning disability, are unable to read standard print material.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 52 full-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 25,000.

**Eligibility:** Certified application required.

**Area Served:** Texas.

Disability Reference Center available to provide information and make referrals.

Regional library providing talking books, braille and large type books, cassette books.



## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Dallas Services for the Visually Impaired

4242 Office Parkway  
Dallas, TX 75204  
(214) 828-9900  
FAX: (214) 828-9901  
Mike Palise, Braille Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dallas County.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Groups Served:** None specified.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Lighthouse of Houston

3530 West Dallas Avenue  
P.O. Box 130435  
Houston, TX 77219-0435  
(713) 527-9561 or (713) 527-8165  
FAX: (713) 527-8165  
Brenda Parsell, Director of Braille Services  
Gibson M. DuTerroil, President

**Area Served:** Greater Houston and southwestern Texas.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational, menus, cards, general.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind

3001 Bookhout  
Dallas, TX 75201  
(214) 871-7668  
FAX: (214) 871-7669  
Betty Hersey, Executive Director  
Sharon Komorn, Recorded Books Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dallas County.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults, educational institutions.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational, general books other than recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Catalogs available.

Reading agency for Library of Congress Talking Book program.

### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

404 West 30th Street  
Austin, TX 78705  
(512) 323-9390  
FAX: (512) 323-9399  
E-mail: rfbdtex@io.com  
URL: <http://www.satori3.com/rfbd>  
Kathy Keegan-Davis

**County/District Where Located:**  
Travis County.

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

### Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

2012 Cuthbert Street  
Midland, TX 79701  
(915) 682-2731  
Sandy Davis, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students and adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, as requested.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### Region IV Education Service Center

7145 West Tidwell  
Houston, TX 77092  
(713) 744-8144  
FAX: (713) 744-8148  
E-mail: dspence@tenet.edu  
Diane Spence, Director, Computer Braille Center

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, tests, supplementary materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Computer disk listing at no charge.

### Texas State Library Talking Book Program

P.O. Box 12927  
Austin, TX 78711-2927  
(512) 463-5458 or toll-free in Texas (800) 252-9605  
FAX: (512) 463-5436  
E-mail: [tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)

Donald Brower, Audio Operations  
Sara Stiffler, Recording Studio  
Patsy Alvarez, Recording Studio

**County/District Where Located:**  
Travis County.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

Braille production and recordings at cost.

## RADIO READING

### El Paso Radio Reading Service

200 Washington Street  
El Paso, TX 79905  
(915) 532-4495  
FAX: (915) 532-6338  
Grant Downey, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
El Paso County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
11:00 AM-7:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** 60-mile radius from  
El Paso serving western Texas and  
south central New Mexico.

### **Houston Taping for the Blind Radio**

3935 Essex Lane  
Houston, TX 77027  
(713) 622-2767  
FAX: (713) 622-2767  
E-mail: 102677.2656@compuserve.  
com

Beth O'Callaghan, Executive  
Director  
Bill Albers, Manager of Radio

**County/District Where Located:**  
Harris County.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours,  
daily.

**Staff:** 3.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** 33 counties in  
southeast Texas.

### **KUT 90.5FM**

Communications Building B  
University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, TX 78712  
(512) 471-4683  
Michael Lee, Producer  
David Alvarez, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Travis County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat.  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Sun. 8:00 AM-  
12:00 noon.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Area Served:** 42-mile radius from  
Austin; 87-mile radius from central  
Texas.

### **North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind**

3001 Bookhout  
Dallas, TX 75201  
(214) 871-7668  
FAX: (214) 871-7669  
Betty Hersey, Executive Director  
Dick Jenkins, Station Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dallas County.

**Funded by:** United Way; private  
donations.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days a  
week, 5:00 AM-11:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** 100-mile radius from  
Dallas.

## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

### **American Foundation for the Blind Southwest**

260 Treadway Plaza  
Exchange Park  
Dallas, TX 75235  
(214) 352-7222  
FAX: (214) 352-3214  
E-mail: afbdallas@afb.org  
URL: <http://www.afb.org>

See American Foundation for the  
Blind in U.S. national listings.

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness Dallas Affiliate**

2053 Vatican Circle  
Dallas, TX 75224  
(214) 331-5304  
Larry Hansen, President

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

**The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness  
Texas Panhandle Affiliate**  
Texas Tech University Health and  
Sciences Center  
Department of Ophthalmology

Lubbock, TX 79430  
(806) 743-2412  
D. R. Rockefeller Young, Contact  
Person

See The Foundation Fighting  
Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Texas Austin Branch**

5555 North Lamar Street, K103  
Austin, TX 78751  
(512) 459-8936  
Diane Ingram, Executive Director  
Mary Burion, Program Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Travis County.

See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Texas Dallas Branch**

3610 Fairmont Street  
Dallas, TX 75219  
(214) 528-5521  
FAX: (214) 521-5248  
Marilyn Zeok, Executive Director  
Linda Ziegler, Program Director

See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Texas East Texas Branch**

824 South Beckham  
Suite 209  
Tyler, TX 75701  
(903) 592-2664  
FAX: (903) 592-6641  
Donna Luker, Executive Director  
Amy Gould, Program Director

See Prevent Blindness America in  
U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Texas El Paso Branch**

7500 Viscount  
Suite 108



El Paso, TX 79925  
(915) 775-1200  
FAX: (915) 779-0643  
Carmen Pacheco, Branch Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
Fort Worth Branch**

329 South Henderson  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
(817) 332-8125  
Debra Johnson, Executive Director  
Len Langham, Program Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
Galveston/Gulf Coast Branch**

P.O. Box 2050  
Galveston, TX 77553  
(409) 762-9074  
FAX: (409) 765-8475  
Janyce Blozinski, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
Lubbock Branch**

3008 50th Street, Suite E  
Lubbock, TX 79413  
(806) 797-6701  
Lyn Garcia, Program Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
Midland Branch**

2303 West Wall, Suite 628  
P.O. Box 5325  
Midland, TX 79705-5325  
(915) 683-0003  
Peggy Hards, Program Director  
Robin Frerich, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
San Antonio Branch**

10205 Oasis Drive  
Suite 202  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
(210) 342-3292  
FAX: (210) 342-3293  
Nancy Fassnidge, Executive Director

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**Prevent Blindness Texas  
State Office**

3211 West Dallas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77019-3400  
(713) 526-2559  
FAX: (801) 322-3647  
E-mail: 104706.2523@compuserve.com  
Elaine Barber, President and CEO

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

**See also in national listings:**

**Austin Junior Women's  
Federation**

**Christian Education for the Blind**

**Taping for the Blind**

**Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.**

## ◆ *Rehabilitation Services*

### STATE SERVICES

**Texas Commission for the Blind**

Administration Building  
4800 North Lamar Boulevard  
P.O. Box 12866

Austin, TX 78711  
(512) 459-2500 or (800) 252-5204  
(voice/TDD)  
FAX: (512) 459-2685  
Pat D. Westbrook, Executive Director  
Terry Murphy, Deputy Director for Programs

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To work in partnership with Texans who are blind or visually impaired to reach their goals.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Health:** Contracts for diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment; low vision clinic.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing; consultation and referral.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand program; business enterprises program; follow-up.

**Local Offices:**

**Abilene:** 100 Chestnut, Suite 101, Abilene, TX 79602, (915) 672-1385 (voice/TDD).

**Amarillo:** Park West, Building B, 7132 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106, (806) 353-9568 (voice/TDD).

**Austin (North):** Administration Building, 4800 North Lamar, (Mailing: P.O. Box 12866, Austin, TX 78711), Austin, TX 78756, (512) 459-2544 (voice/TDD).

**Austin (South):** 3001 South Lamar, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 326-1441 (voice/TDD).

**Beaumont:** 3515 Fannin Street, Suite 105, Beaumont, TX 77701, (409) 838-5201 (voice/TDD).

**Bryan-College Station:** Southwest Professional Building, Suite 110, 1701 Southwest Parkway, College Station, TX 77840, (409) 696-9610 (voice/TDD).

**Corpus Christi:** 410 South Padre Island Drive, Suite 103, Corpus Christi, TX 78405, (512) 289-1128.

**Dallas:** 1555 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 219, Dallas, TX 75235, (214) 688-7007 (voice/TDD).

**El Paso:** 1314 Lomaland Drive, El Paso, TX 79935, (915) 590-7388 (voice/TDD).

**Fort Worth:** 4200 South Freeway, Suite 307, Fort Worth, TX 76115-1404, (817) 926-4646 (voice/TDD).

**Galveston:** 4607 Fort Crockett Boulevard, #A, Galveston, TX 77551, (409) 763-4441 (voice/TDD).

**Harlingen:** 513 East Jackson, Harlingen, TX 78550, (210) 423-9411 (voice/TDD).

**Houston:** Heights Medical Tower, Suite 407, 427 West 20th, Houston, TX 77008, (713) 880-0721 (voice) or TDD (713) 880-8002.

**Laredo:** 1718 E. Calton Road, Suite 1, Laredo, TX 78041, (210) 723-2955 (voice/TDD).

**Lubbock:** 5121 69th Street, Suite A-5, Lubbock, TX 79424, (806) 798-8181 (voice/TDD).

**Lufkin:** 3201 South Medford, Suite 5, Lufkin, TX 75901, (409) 634-7733 (voice/TDD).

**Odessa:** Building A, Suite 103, 2817 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa, TX 79762, (915) 368-0881 (voice/TDD).

**Pharr:** 1899 North Cage, Pharr, TX 78577, (210) 787-7364.

**Richardson:** 1200 Executive Drive East, #130, Richardson, TX 75081, (972) 889-2500 (voice/TDD).

**San Angelo:** 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite LL8, San Angelo, TX 76901, (915) 949-4601.

**San Antonio:** 4204 Woodcock Drive, Suite 274, Trinity Building, San Antonio, TX 78228, (210) 732-9751 (voice/TDD).

**Texarkana:** 410 Baylor Street, Suite C, Texarkana, TX 75501, (903) 831-3846 (voice/TDD).

**Tyler:** 1121 East Southeast Loop, 323, Building 1, #106, Woodgate Office Park, Tyler, TX 75701-9638, (903) 581-9945 (voice/TDD).

**Victoria:** Town Plaza Mall, 1502 E. Airline, #13, Victoria, TX 77901, (512) 575-2352.

**Waco:** Raleigh Building, 7th Floor, 801 Austin, Waco, TX 76701, (817) 753-1552 (voice/TDD).

**Wichita Falls:** 3123 Lawrence Road, Suite D, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, (817) 691-8675 (voice/TDD).

## REHABILITATION

### Beacon Lighthouse for the Blind

300 Seventh Street  
Wichita Falls, TX 76301  
(817) 767-0888  
FAX: (817) 767-0893  
A. W. Edgemon, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Wichita County.

**Funded by:** Product sales.

**Staff:** 5 full time; uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** North central Texas.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living rehabilitation provides counseling, daily living skills instruction, self-help groups, casework services, and recreational opportunities for blind, legally blind, deaf-blind and multiply disabled blind adults. Vocational rehabilitation includes vocational evaluation, work adjustment counseling, on-the-job training, therapeutic mobility training, and casework services. Clients should

be referred by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop offers job opportunities in manufacturing plant. Volunteer, intern, and practicum opportunities are available. Supportive employment.

### Blind Rehabilitation Center U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Central Texas Veterans Health  
Care System  
4800 Memorial Drive  
Waco, TX 76711  
(817) 752-6581, ext. 7492  
FAX: (817) 755-8768  
Stan Poel, Chief

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**Mission:** Provides comprehensive residential blind rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans in the central portion of the country.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs at VA Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

### Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

4245 Office Parkway



Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 821-2375 or TDD (800) 735-2989

FAX: (214) 824-4612

Jeffrey J. Battle, President

Kerry L. Goodwin, Vice President, Rehabilitation Services

Jerry Holcknecht, Vice President, Industrial Division

Richard T. Smith, Vice President, Finance and Administration

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit; NAC accredited.

**County/District Where Located:** Dallas County.

**Mission:** To provide opportunities for people with sight disabilities to achieve personal, social and economic independence.

**Funded by:** Revenues from sales of products; federal and state grants and fees; private contributions; United Way.

**Budget:** \$6.6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Bilingual (Spanish/English) and sign language interpreters; readers; brailled, large-print, and taped materials; Kurzweil Reader. Facilities are fully accessible.

**Staff:** 43 full-time equivalents. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 950 per year.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, multiply disabled blind, or severely visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Primarily the following counties in northern central Texas: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** At least 16 years old.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Independent living services include information and referral; assessment and intake; participant support; staff counseling; peer counseling; emergency assistance; home visits; daily living skills instruction; orientation and mobility training; support groups; follow-up.

**Residential:** Dormitory and transitional housing programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational rehabilitation services include vocational evaluation; psychological assessment; neuropsychological evaluation; work adjustment training; on-the-job training; work activities training; extended rehabilitation training; employment readiness training; personal/social adjustment training; supported employment; placement assistance; Kurzweil Reader instruction; school-to-work transition; orientation and mobility training. Clients should be referred by the Texas Commission for the Blind.

**Recreational:** Instructional classes; fitness activities; social activities; special events; outdoor activities.

**Employment:** Industrial Division offers training and employment opportunities from hand packaging/assembly to complex machine operations. Agency gives priority to people with sight disabilities in clerical, staff, and managerial positions. Volunteer, intern, and practicum opportunities available.

**Computer Training:** Technology evaluations and basic technology training services.

### **Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children**

4242 Office Parkway

Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 828-9900

FAX: (214) 828-9901

Robert H. Berger, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Dallas County.

**Funded by:** United Way; Early Childhood Intervention; Texas Commission for the Blind; contributions; grants; memorials; sliding fee scale.

**Budget:** \$1,750,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Staff:** 34.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Dallas County and surrounding areas.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Low vision training.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual and group counseling; referral.

**Reading:** Braille transcription.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; braille; mother-infant class.

**Recreational:** Summer program for children, 6-22 years.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids, devices and training.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind**

500 North Bois D'Arc

Tyler, TX 75702

(903) 595-3444

FAX: (903) 595-3447

J. Gordon Bryson, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and legally blind.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; sub-contracts; income from capital funds; fees; donations.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,400,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 12 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 45.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** 35 counties of Eastern Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Over 18 years.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and tapes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; closed-circuit television.

**Residential:** Dormitory for adults and multiply disabled persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; video magnifier.

**Recreational:** Beep baseball.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops. Provides consultation to other agencies on other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Access.

**Low Vision Aids:** Low vision clinic available twice monthly.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Tyler:** Client Services Center, 1716 Forest Avenue, Tyler, TX 75702, (214) 595-3444.

#### **El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind**

200 Washington  
El Paso, TX 79905  
(915) 532-4495  
FAX: (915) 532-6338  
Grant Downey, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** El Paso County.

**Mission:** Employment, training, rehabilitation, and technical services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; donations; workshop sales; grants.

**Budget:** \$650,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, or by appointment.

**Staff:** 15 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,400 per year (all programs).

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; vocationally handicapped; by referral.

**Area Served:** Western Texas, southern New Mexico, northern Mexico.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological testing and evaluations; individual, family / parent, couple counseling; placement in training; referral to community services.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement in orientation / mobility; vocational rehabilitation; rehabilitation teaching.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record players and cassette players. Information and referral. Operates radio reading service in English and Spanish.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; typing; home management; orientation / mobility; refers for other rehabilitation services;

extensive rehabilitation program for elderly blind persons.

**Employment:** Full supported employment services.

Occupational skill development; sheltered workshops; work activity center. Refers for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Complete training program in low vision and speech systems. Training in 14 software packages. Assists in low vision computer vocational evaluations.

**Low Vision:** Complete low vision clinic with fitting and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Loaned for period of 6 weeks. Available for purchase at cost.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

#### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults South Central Region Office**

4455 LBJ Freeway, LB#3  
Suite 814

Dallas, TX 75244-5998  
(972) 490-9677 (voice / TDD)  
FAX: (972) 490-6042

C. C. Davis, Regional Representative  
Martha Bagley, Services to Older Adults

**County/District Where Located:** Dallas County.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

#### **Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth**

912 West Broadway  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
(817) 332-3341  
FAX: (817) 332-3456  
Robert W. Mosteller, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.



**County/District Where Located:** Tarrant County.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales, sub-contracts, contributions, endowment, and fees for service.

**Budget:** \$1,000,001.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 17 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 896.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Tarrant County, northwest central Texas region.

**Transportation:** N.

**Health:** Public education.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral.

**Residential:** Co-educational living facilities for blind multiply disabled persons.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Evaluation; vocational training; placement; work adjustment; manufacturing operation.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; database software.

### **Lighthouse of Houston**

3530 West Dallas Avenue  
P.O. Box 130435  
Houston, TX 77219-0435  
(713) 527-9561

FAX: (713) 527-8165

Gibson M. DuTerroil, President  
Shelagh Moran, Vice President of Programs & Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Harris County.

**Mission:** Provides vocational rehabilitation evaluations, training,

and education programs.

Community Services include residential program, skills training, low vision clinic, senior services.

**Funded by:** Industrial sales; sub-contracts; United Way; fees for service; grants; contributions.

**Budget:** 1997: \$8.6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 117 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1939.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 4,800.

**Eligibility:** Blind, legally blind, or deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Greater Houston area and southwestern Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Evaluation; psychological testing; counseling; consultation and referral.

**Preschools:** Daycare centers.

**Professional Training:** Internships at the Lighthouse of Houston, University of Houston, and Low Vision Clinic.

**Reading:** Braille, tape, and large-type books. CCTVs, speech output.

**Residential:** Deaf-blind group homes, training apartments, 240-unit apartment facilities.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; independent living; clerical, word processing, and medical transcription training; computer programming and literacy; multi-care for elderly blind; orientation/mobility; residential services for deaf-blind adults and children.

**Recreational:** Outdoor activities; music; arts and crafts; sports and games; special events; cultural arts.

**Employment:** Vocational assessments and training; employment skills development;

placement; high school equivalency.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices. Full-service technology training unit.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Phone interview.

### **San Antonio Lighthouse**

2305 Roosevelt Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78210  
(210) 533-5195

FAX: (210) 533-4230

Bob R. Plunkett, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Bexar County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Fees; donations; bequests; sales.

**Budget:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 34 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1933.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500 annually.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; multiply disabled; self-referral through local state agency.

**Area Served:** San Antonio and surrounding area.

**Age Requirements:** High school and up.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for counseling and other social work services.

**Educational:** Programs for vocational/skill development.

**Reading:** Talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille

books; large print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational evaluation; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; personal management; handwriting; typing; orientation/mobility. Refers and contracts for other rehabilitation services.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops. Competitive job training and client employment assistance, job readiness, job placement.

**Computer Training:** Skills training.

### **South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind**

1907 Leopard Street  
Corpus Christi, TX 78469  
(512) 883-6553 or (512) 883-1041  
Eileen Butler, Director of Human Resources

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Nueces County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; and multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; workshop sales; sub-contracts; contributions.

**Budget:** 1997: \$13,000,000.

**Staff:** 35 full-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1964.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Rehabilitation:** Sells special aids and appliances at cost; computer training.

**Employment:** On-the-job training and sheltered workshop employment.

**Computer Training:** Available.

### **Texas Commission for the Blind Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center**

4800 North Lamar  
Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 467-6300  
FAX: (512) 467-6432  
Ed Kunz, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Travis County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and orthopedically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Primarily federal funds.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Program Accessibility:** Program accessible in accordance with ADA.

**Staff:** 100.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60.

**Eligibility:** Clients of the Texas Commission for the Blind; legally or totally blind.

**Area Served:** Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years old.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical services; occupational therapy and sensory integration; physical therapy. Refers for speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Vocational rehabilitation counseling services; psychiatric evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent counseling. Refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts all multiply disabled students. Programs for

adult GED; college prep; English as a second language.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; special education; teaching; nursing and general rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs; rehabilitation teacher training.

**Reading:** Talking book cassette player; talking book cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection.

**Residential:** Dormitories for adults; elderly; multiply handicapped; and on-site apartments for independent living experience.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; sign language; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; home and money management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; sex education; independent living experience. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; evening/weekend programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; camping; canoeing; hiking; bowling; swimming; track; table games. Community recreation services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career guidance; prevocational skill development. Refers for other employment services. Feasibility studies; business plan development.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; prescription and provision of spectacles and low vision aids.

**Travis Association for the Blind**  
P.O. Box 3297



Austin, TX 78764  
(512) 442-2329  
FAX: (512) 442-5498  
Fred M. Weber, Sr., President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Travis County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Funded by:** Fees; workshop sales.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 13 full time; 1 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment; supported by state agency; ambulatory.

**Area Served:** Austin area.

**Age Requirements:** 16 years and older.

**Health:** Provides low vision aids. Contracts and refers for other eye health services.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops.

### **West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind**

2001 Austin Street  
San Angelo, TX 76903  
(915) 653-4231  
FAX: (915) 657-9367  
Robert B. Porter, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Tom Green County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled, and mentally retarded persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; sub-contracts; training fees; and donations.

**Budget:** \$1.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessibility.

**Staff:** 3 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1963.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; referral from state agency.

**Area Served:** 42 counties in western Texas.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for other

counseling/social work services. Provides consultation to other agencies.

**Educational:** Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and wheelchair-bound clients.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training programs; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops. Refers for other employment services.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled**

1950 Stemmons Freeway  
Suite 4041  
Dallas, TX 75207  
(214) 800-2223 or (214) 800-2225  
FAX: (214) 800-2224  
Mary Ann Schroeder, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Dallas County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit

television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

#### **Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth**

912 West Broadway  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
(817) 332-3341  
FAX: (817) 332-3456  
James Baggott, Rehabilitation Services

**County/District Where Located:** Tarrant County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; database software.

#### **Lighthouse of Houston**

3530 West Dallas Avenue  
P.O. Box 130435  
Houston, TX 77219-0435  
(713) 527-9561  
FAX: (713) 527-8165  
Gibson M. Du Terroil, President  
Shelagh Moran, Vice President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Harris County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:00.

**Eligibility:** Blind; legally blind; deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** Greater Houston area and southwestern Texas.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; full-service technology training unit.

#### **Texas Commission for the Blind**

4800 North Lamar  
Suite 110

Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 459-2568  
Mary Anne Longenecker,  
Supervisor, Adaptive Technical  
Unit

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1100 West 45th Street  
Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 454-8631  
URL: <http://www.tsbvi.edu>  
James Allan, Education Technical Specialist

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; word processing; Internet access.

**William Judson Center  
San Antonio Lighthouse**

2305 Roosevelt Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78210  
(210) 533-5195  
FAX: (210) 533-4230  
Cindy Miller, Vice President,  
Rehabilitation Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Bexar County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; notetakers; reading/scanning programs.  
Career guidance; industrial training; job readiness/placement

services; literacy-BE, GED, ESL, Braille; orientation and mobility training; support group/low vision club; and low vision products store.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

**Texas Ophthalmological Association**

401 West 15th Street, 825  
Austin, TX 78701-1665  
(512) 370-1440  
FAX: (512) 370-1637  
E-mail: [toa@flash.net](mailto:toa@flash.net)  
Jay W. Propes, Executive Director  
David G. Shulman, Contact Person

**Texas Optometric Association, Inc.**

1503 South IH-35  
Austin, TX 78741  
(512) 707-2020  
Diane Lake, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**Dallas Services for the Visually Impaired**

**Low Vision Clinic**

4242 Office Parkway  
Dallas, TX 75204  
(214) 828-9900  
FAX: (214) 828-9901  
Nancy Hinkley, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, non-profit, multidisciplinary clinic.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Dallas County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Low vision evaluation; private and group counseling; low vision aid training; orientation/mobility instruction.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan; no rental fee; on-site training available.

**El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind  
Low Vision Center**

200 Washington  
El Paso, TX 79905  
(915) 532-4495  
FAX: (915) 532-6338  
Grant Downey, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
El Paso County.

**Mission:** Employment, training, rehabilitation, and technical services for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Client fees; foundation grants; donations.

**Budget:** \$650,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM, or by appointment.

**Staff:** Low vision assistant; orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmologist; optometrist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1934.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,400 per year. All programs.

**Eligibility:** Referral; current ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** El Paso and surrounding areas of western Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Mexico.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial period at no charge; provided for purchase; prescribed and fitted at no charge. On-site and in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; phone interview; varies according to patient.

**Lighthouse of Houston  
Low Vision Clinic**

3602 West Dallas Avenue



Houston, TX 77019  
(713) 284-8402  
FAX: (713) 527-8165  
Stanley Woo, O.D., Director of Clinical Services  
Debbie Repka, Clinic Administrator

**County/District Where Located:** Harris County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; optometry student/resident; social worker; mobility instructor; special education instructor.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Phone interview, as needed.

#### **Low Vision Unit Hermann Eye Center**

6411 Fannin Street  
Houston, TX 77030-1697  
(713) 704-1777  
FAX: (713) 704-0617

Judianne Kellaway, Director  
Kathleen Saathoff, C.O., Low Vision Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Harris County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision specialists; ophthalmic assistant/technician; ophthalmology residents; optician; rehabilitation counselor; contact lens technician; orthoptist.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 6 years and older.

**Professional Training:** Refers for in-service programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitation counseling for individuals for home, school, and on the job.

**Low Vision:** Low vision services.

**Low Vision Aids:** On-site training provided. Loan for trial purpose at no charge; available for purchase after evaluation. CCTVs and computer-related devices on site for demonstration.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment.

#### **Santa Rosa Low Vision Clinic**

315 North San Saba  
Suite 1220  
San Antonio, TX 78207  
(210) 228-0030  
FAX: (210) 228-0277  
Dr. Kathleen E. Fraser, O.D., F.A.A.O., Director

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**Staff:** Orientation/mobility instructor; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic technician; optometrist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Peer counseling.

**Low Vision:** On-site/in-home training provided.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan at no charge and/or purchase.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return appointment; home visit; phone interviews.

Orientation/mobility specialist trains for use of all optical aids, including reading lenses and telescopes for public

transportation. Access and training on computer aids and devices.

#### **Texas Tech University School of Medicine Health Sciences Center**

Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences  
Thompson Hall  
Lubbock, TX 79430  
(806) 743-2020

FAX: (806) 743-1782

E-mail: eyesmm@ttuhsc.edu

URL: <http://www.eye.ttu.edu>

Dr. Steven Matthews, O.D., Ph.D., Director of Low Vision Service

**Type of Agency:** University medical school.

**County/District Where Located:** Lubbock County.

**Mission:** To help patients with decreased acuity improve the usefulness of their vision.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Wed. 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; ophthalmology resident; ophthalmic assistant/technician.

**History/Date:** Est. 1980.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3 per week.

**Eligibility:** Prefer ophthalmologic report, but will accept all patients.

**Area Served:** Southwest Texas, western Texas, and eastern New Mexico.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 6 months.

#### **University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas Department of Ophthalmology Low Vision Clinic**

5303 Harry Hines

Dallas, TX 75235-8866  
(214) 648-3835  
Dr. Edward Mendelson, O.D., Low  
Vision Clinic Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**Funded by:** Client fees and Texas  
Commission for the Blind.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.  
**Staff:** Optometrist.  
**Eligibility:** Referral.  
**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Half glasses,  
magnifiers and telescopes  
provided for purchase; on-site  
training not provided.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return  
appointment.

**University of Texas, Health  
Science Center**  
Department of Ophthalmology  
7703 Floyd Curl Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78284-6230  
(210) 567-8400  
FAX: (210) 567-8413  
W. A. J. van Heuven, M.D.,  
Professor and Chairman

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.  
**County/District Where Located:**  
Bexar County.  
**Funded by:** Client fees, and Texas  
Commission for the Blind.  
**Hours of Operation:** By  
appointment.  
**Staff:** Ophthalmology resident;  
ophthalmologist.  
**Eligibility:** None.  
**Area Served:** Unlimited.  
**Low Vision:** Evaluation.  
**Low Vision Follow-up:** By  
appointment.

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Texas Department on Aging

Capitol Station  
1949 IH 35 South  
P.O. Box 12786  
Austin, TX 78741-3702  
(512) 424-6840 or (800) 252-2412 or  
Information & Referral In State  
(800) 252-9240  
FAX: (512) 424-6890  
Mary Sapp, Executive Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Texas Commission for the Blind

Administration Building  
4800 North Lamar  
Austin, TX 78711  
(512) 459-2500 or (800) 252-5204  
FAX: (512) 459-2685  
Pat D. Westbrook, Executive  
Director  
Charles Burtis, Project Director,  
(512) 459-2589

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# UTAH

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Utah State Office of Education Special Education Section

250 East 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 538-7706 or (801) 538-7708  
Dr. Stevan Kukic, Coordinator,  
Services for At Risk Students and  
Director, Special Education  
John Killoran, Specialist, Preschool  
Program for Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Utah.

Local school districts administer supplemental state funds for visually impaired students in local schools. For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or the coordinator of special education programs.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Early Intervention Program Division of Family Services Utah Department of Health

P.O. Box 16650-BCSHS  
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0650  
(801) 538-6922  
FAX: (801) 538-6510  
Jennifer Haake, Acting Early  
Childhood Coordinator

Developmental services for disabled and developmentally delayed 0-2 year olds. Family support/educational services relevant to the child's disability.

### SCHOOLS

#### Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

742 Harrison Boulevard  
Ogden, UT 84404  
(801) 629-4700  
FAX: (801) 629-4896  
Dr. Lee Robinson, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Weber County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind; children who might also be learning disabled; mentally retarded; emotionally disturbed; orthopedically handicapped.

**History/Date:** Est. 1896.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,130.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; unable to receive appropriate education in regular public school classroom.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Parent/infant program.  
**Educational:** Full program of general academic studies; prevocational skill development; daily living skills; orientation/mobility classes. Teacher consultant program serving public school students.

**Preschools:** Preschool classes offered to visually impaired children between ages 3 and 5, with transportation provided.

**Professional Training:** Internship programs; in-service training, fieldwork with public schools.

**Residential:** Dormitories for visually impaired students ages 4 1/2-21 provided during the week.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Center and Homebound Preschool Intervention Program

Center for Persons with Disabilities  
UMC 6800, Utah State University

Logan, UT 84322  
(801) 797-2002  
FAX: (801) 797-2044  
E-mail: sebst@cpd2.usu.edu  
Dr. Sebastian Striefel, Director of Services  
Dr. Phyllis Cole, Coordinator of Clinical Services  
Karen Hansen, Early Intervention

**Type of Agency:** University-affiliated facility.

**Mission:** To provide services via interdisciplinary teams.

**Funded by:** State funds, Titles XIX and XX and fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 31 full time (early childhood/visually handicapped, psychologists, occupational therapist); 17 part time (various specialists, graduate assistants). Advisory board with parent members for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 140 families.

**Eligibility:** Visually handicapped; multihandicapped and disabled.

**Area Served:** Cache, Box Elder and Rich Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3 years and under.

**Health:** Provides adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunizations; blood tests; acute illness/emergency sick care; school physicals.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling and training.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Professional Training:** Train students from various disciplines.

Home-based program for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and other handicapped infants, 0-3

years. Consultant services to other programs. Conducts research and training.

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

#### **Parent-Infant Program (PIP)**

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 629-4700

FAX: (801) 629-4896

E-mail: bsogd1.jnielsen@email.state.ut.us

Judi Nielsen, Director

**Type of Agency:** State residential school.

**County/District Where Located:** Weber County.

**Mission:** Services for visually impaired and hearing impaired, multiply disabled, and deaf-blind children.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 and 94-142 funds, state funds, and limited donations.

**Staff:** 1 full-time, 45 part-time.

**History/Date:** PIP est. 1979.

**Eligibility:** Visually or hearing impaired, with or without other impairments.

**Area Served:** Entire state.

**Transportation:** N.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment, audiological testing and functional vision evaluations.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based program for visually or hearing impaired infants, 0-2 years, with or without other impairments (includes deaf-blind); home teaching, preschool classes, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped, multihandicapped, and hearing impaired.

## **STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 629-4735

FAX: (801) 629-4896

URL: <http://www.usdb.k12.ut.us>

Dorothy Smith

**County/District Where Located:** Weber County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years of age.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Teacher consultant program for the rural districts of Utah. Liaison for itinerant teachers for visually impaired students employed by districts.

**Assessment:** Growing up, INSITE, Barraga Assessment of Visual Development tests.

**Direct Service:** Instruction on skills particular to blindness.

**Materials Production:** Braille and large-print when other sources are not available.

**Professional Training:** Vision certification; Multi-University Consortium Teacher Training Program, Sensory Impaired.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

### **Utah Educational Resource Center**

742 Harrison Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84404

(801) 629-4810

FAX: (801) 629-4896

Lori Quigley, Contact Person

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; teaching aids; instructional materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large print; descriptive videos.

## **◆ Information Services**

### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Utah State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

2150 South 300 West

Suite 16

Salt Lake City, UT 84115

(801) 468-6789

FAX: (801) 468-6767

Gerald A. Buttars, Librarian

Bessie Oaks, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Public library for the blind and physically handicapped.

**Mission:** To provide books and other information to the blind and physically handicapped in a format they can use.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$700,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 18 full time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 10,000.

**Eligibility:** Must be certified by a competent authority, defined by law as being blind, physically or reading disabled.

**Area Served:** Utah and Wyoming with total library service. Serves Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Alaska and Arizona with braille service only.

**Transportation:** N.

**Reading:** All reading to patrons is done on magnetic tape and circulated to them.



Regional library supplying talking books, braille and large-type books, and cassette books.

## **MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES**

### **National Federation of the Blind of Utah**

10 West Broadway  
Suite 500  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
(801) 364-9007 or (800) 876-9007  
Nick Schmittroth

**County/District Where Located:**  
Salt Lake County.

**Area Served:** Primarily Utah but other states as well.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually impaired.

**Types/Content:** Text materials other than music, including computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, cassette and print.

### **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

742 Harrison Boulevard  
Ogden, UT 84404  
(801) 629-4700  
FAX: (801) 629-4896  
E-mail: lrobin@email.state.ut.us  
Dr. Lee Robinson, Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:**  
Weber County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## **RADIO READING**

### **Utah State Radio Reading Service**

2150 South 300 West  
Suite 16  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115  
(801) 468-6798  
FAX: (801) 468-6767  
Bob Wall, Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Salt Lake County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:00 AM-Midnight; Sat.-Sun.  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Area Served:** Wasatch Front and St. George area.

## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness Utah Chapter**

746 South 475 East  
Centerville, UT 84014  
(801) 299-8767  
Martha Lapetina, President  
Steve Andrews, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Utah**

661 South 200 East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 524-2020  
FAX: (801) 322-3647  
E-mail: 76710.2267@compuserve.com  
Colleen Malouf, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Salt Lake County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Special Curriculum

## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

309 East 100 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 323-4343  
FAX: (801) 323-4396  
E-mail: vflake@usoe.k12.ut.us  
William Gibson, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** To assist blind and visually impaired people in living as fully and independently as possible.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 45 full-time, 2 part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Utah.

**Age Requirements:** 16 and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Consultation and referral; group work; individual counseling.

**Educational:** Public education concerning blindness. Orientation and training program for blind and visually impaired adults. Outreach training in homes and businesses.

**Preschools:** Vision screening clinics for pre-school and kindergarten children throughout the state.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork for social work and rehabilitation counseling.

**Reading:** Braille and computer access.

**Residential:** Apartments provided for out-of-town students.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications; adjustment to blindness; social skills; braille; college preparation; computer skills.

**Recreational:** Weekly activities as part of orientation and training program.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending facility training; follow-up.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic; pre-clinic evaluations and post-clinic follow-up and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sold at cost.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By low vision advisor.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Ogden:** Ogden Center for the Blind, 150 North Washington Boulevard, Ogden, UT 84404, (801) 393-0166.

**Provo:** Provo District Office, 150 East Center Street, Suite 3300, Provo, UT 84603, (801) 374-7724.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Utah Industries for the Blind**

1595 West 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
(801) 975-4025 or (800) 933-5191  
FAX: (801) 975-0279  
Jan Quinn, Acting Executive Director  
David Yonkstedtter, Director

**Type of Agency:** Integrated employment.

**County/District Where Located:** Salt Lake County.

**Mission:** To provide employment and employment placement services for blind and visually impaired adults.

**Funded by:** Self-generated revenues and fund raising.

**Budget:** \$1.9 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1909; Converted from public to private, nonprofit in 1991.

**Number of Clients Served:** 40.

**Eligibility:** Blind adults.

**Area Served:** Utah.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Rehabilitation:** In cooperation with state of Utah rehabilitation program.

**Employment:** Job placement; employment and job skills.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Computer Center for Citizens with Disabilities**

2056 South, 1100 East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84106  
(801) 485-9152  
FAX: (801) 485-8675  
E-mail: cboogaar@usoe.k12.ut.us  
Craig Boogaard, Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; word processing; database software.

Introduction to adaptive computer devices also provided.

## **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Utah Ophthalmological Society**

540 East 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102  
(801) 355-7477  
Sue Vicchilli, Executive Director

#### **Utah Optometric Association**

230 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
(801) 364-9103  
Clive Watson, Executive Director

### **LOW VISION CENTERS**

#### **Low Vision Services**

#### **Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

309 East 100 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 323-4373 or (800) 284-1823  
FAX: (801) 323-4396  
Robert M. Christiansen, M.D., Staff Ophthalmologist  
Bryan R. Gerritsen, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Salt Lake County.

**Mission:** Comprehensive low vision services to visually impaired persons throughout the state of Utah.

**Funded by:** State funds; vocational rehabilitation; and payment (at cost) by clients for low vision aids purchased.

**Hours of Operation:** Daily, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, by appointment.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; low vision specialist; low vision advisors; social worker; rehabilitation teacher; orientation/mobility instructor.

**History/Date:** Est. 1959.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,045.



**Eligibility:** Referral by an optometrist or ophthalmologist; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** All areas of Utah.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Adjustment to blindness and vision loss by social worker, or in a class/group. Provides link to support groups in Utah.

**Low Vision:** Provides help for near vision tasks, distance vision tasks, improved lighting, reduced glare, improved functioning, and suggestions for modification in the home, work site, and school.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for sale at cost. Provided on loan for trial upon request. Post-clinic training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Visits to home, job site, and/or school within one week of clinic appointment, by a low vision advisor.

Outreach clinics conducted regularly in hospitals throughout the state. Call for schedule and appointment.

**University Medical Center  
Department of Ophthalmology/  
John A. Moran Eye Center**

50 North Medical Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84132  
(801) 581-2352

FAX: (801) 581-3357

Randall J. Olson, M.D., Chairman  
and Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Salt Lake County.

**Funded by:** Client fees,  
Medicaid/Medicare.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist, counselor.

**Eligibility:** Referral and current  
ophthalmological report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling for visually  
impaired individuals and families;

support groups; orientation to  
vision loss program.

**Low Vision Aids:** Prescribed and  
fitted for variable charge; on-site  
training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Return  
appointments.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Division of Aging and Adult  
Services**

**Utah Department of Social  
Services**

120 North 200 West  
P.O. Box 45500  
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0500  
(801) 538-3910  
Helen Goddard, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Utah State Office of  
Rehabilitation**

250 East 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 538-7530 or (800) 473-7530  
FAX: (801) 538-7522  
R. Blaine Petersen, Executive  
Director  
William Gibson, Project Director,  
(801) 323-4343

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# VERMONT

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Special Education Unit Vermont Department of Education

State Office Building  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620  
(802) 828-3067

FAX: (802) 828-3140

E-mail: [fjones@doe.state.vt.us](mailto:fjones@doe.state.vt.us)

Dennis Kane, Executive Director  
Kathy Andrews, Early Education Consultant

Fred Jones, Consultant

**Type of Agency:** State, a unit of the Department of Education.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds for visually impaired children attending local schools. Provides special educational services for visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Area Served:** Vermont.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Provides parental counseling and preschool services.

**Educational:** Offers tuition and fellowships.

**Reading:** Distributes braille and large-type books, tapes and tape recorders.

For information about local facilities, consult the superintendent of schools in the area or the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 37 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Special Education Unit Vermont Department of Education

State Office Building  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620  
(802) 828-3067

FAX: (802) 828-3140  
Fred Jones, Consultant

**County/District Where Located:** Washington County.

Educational support team for families.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

37 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-1358

FAX: (802) 863-1481

E-mail: [vabvi@aol.com](mailto:vabvi@aol.com)

Jules Cote, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Chittenden County.

**Area Served:** Vermont.

**Groups Served:** All consumers with visual impairments.

**Types/Content:** Durable equipment and consumable supplies.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-print, tape.

**Title Listings:** Call for up-to-date listings.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Vermont Department of Libraries

#### Special Services Unit

RD #4, Box 1870  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802) 828-3273 or toll-free (800) 479-1711  
FAX: (802) 828-2199

**Type of Agency:** Vermont State Library.

**County/District Where Located:** Washington County.

**Mission:** Talking book and large print service to the blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled.

**Funded by:** State and federal government.

**Budget:** \$156,450.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:45 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Handicapped accessible.

**Staff:** 4.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired and physically disabled.

**Area Served:** State of Vermont (most service by mail, postage-free).

Regional library in a cooperating network administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress.

Book collection: Talking books on disc and cassette, and large-print books.

Special collections: Reference materials on blindness and other handicaps; children's print/braille books; and descriptive videos.



## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### Vermont Affiliate

37 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-1358  
FAX: (802) 863-1481  
Michael Richman, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired Vermont Agency of Human Services

Osgood Building  
103 South Main Street  
Waterbury, VT 05671-2304  
(802) 241-2210  
FAX: (802) 241-3359  
E-mail: steve@dad.state.vt.us  
Steve Stone, Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state rehabilitation program; provides services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Federal and state monies.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:45 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 13.

**History/Date:** Est. 1927.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1200.

**Eligibility:** Medically diagnosed visual impairment that constitutes

a handicap to social and economic self-sufficiency.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Contracts and refers for health services.

#### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school; referral to community services. Contracts for and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Limited.

**Preschools:** Limited.

#### Professional Training:

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling; vocational rehabilitation.

**Reading:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Contracts and refers for rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Contracts and refers for recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; job development; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for other employment-related services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Local Offices:

**Barre:** 255 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641, (802) 479-4278.

**Burlington:** 108 Cherry Street, Suite 202, P.O. Box 3347, Burlington, VT 05401, (802) 863-7530.

**Rutland:** 190 ASA Bloomer Building, Rutland, VT 05701-9408, (802) 786-5822.

**Springfield:** 260 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156-2306, (802) 885-9133.

## REHABILITATION

### Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

37 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 863-1358 or (800) 639-5861  
FAX: (802) 863-1481  
E-mail: vabvi@aol.com  
Jules Coté, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Chittenden County.

**Mission:** Services for blind, visually impaired, multiply disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Capital income; state appropriation; fees for service; fund raising; federal and state grants.

**Budget:** \$1.2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 27 full time equivalents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991: 1,500.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Vermont.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Information and referral; outreach; peer counseling.

**Educational:** Special education programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching, low vision.

#### Local Offices:

**Brattleboro:** 8 Park Place, Brattleboro, VT 05301, (802) 254-8761.

**Montpelier:** 73 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 223-5618.

**Rutland:** 10 Burnham Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 775-6452.

**Vermont Association of  
Business, Industry, and  
Rehabilitation**

Champlain Mill, #60  
Winooski, VT 05404  
(802) 655-7215  
FAX: (802) 655-7216  
Kevin Veller, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To place people with disabilities into jobs and to help employers retain people who become disabled while working.

**Funded by:** Federal grants, contracts, fees for service.

**Budget:** 1997: \$500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 10 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Eligibility:** Job-ready disabled persons referred by the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Age Requirements:** Set by the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Educational:** Job-seeking skills training.

**Employment:** Vocational counseling, job development, job placement, and follow-up. Consultation and training to employers on disability-employment issues.

**COMPUTER TRAINING  
CENTERS**

**Division for the Blind and  
Visually Impaired  
Vermont Agency of Human  
Services**  
103 South Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05671  
(802) 241-2245  
E-mail: geoff@dad.state.vt.us  
URL: <http://www.cit.state.vt.us/dad/dbvi.htm>  
Geoff Howard, Consultant

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

◆ **Low Vision  
Services**

**EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

**Vermont Ophthalmological  
Society**

P.O. Box 1457  
Montpelier, VT 05601  
(802) 223-7898  
Ada Bagalio, Executive Director

**Vermont Optometric  
Association**

168 North Street  
Bennington, VT 05201-1874  
(802) 442-2115  
Alexander Tenentes, O.D.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Bennington County.

◆ **Aging Services**

**STATE UNITS ON AGING**

**Vermont Department of Aging  
and Disabilities**  
Osgood Building  
103 South Main Street

Waterbury, VT 05676  
(802) 241-2400 or Information & Referral In State, Senior Helpline Service (800) 642-5119  
FAX: (802) 241-2324  
David Yavacone, Commissioner

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS**

**Division for the Blind and  
Visually Impaired  
Vermont Agency of Human  
Services**

Osgood Building  
103 South Main Street  
Waterbury, VT 05671  
(802) 241-2210  
FAX: (802) 241-3359  
Steven Stone, Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# VIRGINIA

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Program for Infants, Children, and Youth

395 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23227-3697  
(804) 371-3140

FAX: (804) 371-3351

W. Roy Grizzard, Commissioner  
Glen R. Slonneger, Jr., Program Director, Educational Services

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Henrico County.

**Mission:** Services to infants, children, and youths, from birth through 21 years of age, who have a visual disability.

**Funded by:** State funds, Section 110 funds.

**Budget:** \$440,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 7 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,500.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision aids.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Works cooperatively with public schools to develop and maintain itinerant and resource room programs for visually impaired children/youths. Provides technical assistance.

**Reading:** Braille and large-print textbooks, special equipment, and adapted material are available for loan to schools through the agency's instructional material and resource center.

**Rehabilitation:** Vocational training.

**Recreational:** Summer camp.

**Computer Training:** Instructional and technical assistance for students and teachers.

For Agency information, see our listing under Rehabilitation Services.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Infant and Toddler Program Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-3710

FAX: (804) 371-7959

Anne Lucas, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Coordination of statewide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families in accordance with Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

### SCHOOLS

#### Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton

700 Shell Road

Hampton, VA 23661

(757) 247-2075

FAX: (757) 247-2224

Frank R. Bryan, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Hampton County.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 17 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 20.

**Eligibility:** Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 2-21 years (day school); 5-21 years (residential school).

**Health:** Well-staffed infirmary open 24 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling available for students.

**Educational:** Preschool through secondary level for blind children, including multiply disabled children.

**Residential:** 5 days per week.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; home management; personal management; communications.

**Recreational:** Athletics.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; follow-up.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

P.O. Box 2069

Staunton, VA 24402

(540) 332-9046

FAX: (540) 332-9042

Dr. Joseph Panko, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 22 full time; 2 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1839.

**Number of Clients Served:** 40 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind; Virginia resident living west of I-95.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5-22 years.

**Health:** Audiology therapy; general medical services; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; placement in school. Refers for other counseling / social work services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic studies.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

**Residential:** Dormitories and day students.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; video magnifier; home management; orientation / mobility; remedial education; sensory training. Refers for rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; physical education. Refers for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; follow-up service.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Children's Rehabilitation Center University of Virginia Hospital

2270 Ivy Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(804) 924-5161

FAX: (804) 924-2780

Sharon L. Hostler, M.D., Medical Director

Susan Anderson, M.D., Pediatrician

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Albemarle County.

**Funded by:** P.L. 89-313 monies, income from capital funds, state funds, and other sources.

**Staff:** 190 full time (includes visually handicapped, early childhood, severely handicapped teachers; occupational and physical therapists; various other specialists), 30 part time. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment, genetic counseling, health immunizations, and blood tests. Low vision exams, other health services available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling; financial assistance.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Center-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped / multihandicapped, other handicapped infants, 0-2 years. Multihandicapped and noncategorical classrooms, resource room, consultant services to other programs for visually handicapped / multihandicapped, other handicapped children, 3-5 years.

#### Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped

395 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23227-3623  
(804) 371-3140

FAX: (804) 371-3351

Glen R. Slonneger, Educational Services Program Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provides services to visually impaired persons aged 0-21.

**Funded by:** State funds; IDEA (Part B).

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 17 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1936.

**Eligibility:** Visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** N.

**Age Requirements:** 0-5 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; low vision exams.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent counseling.

**Educational:** Provides technical assistance in all developmental areas.

**Professional Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.



Contact local school superintendent for program information in local areas. For regional offices in which educational coordinators and orientation and mobility specialists can be found, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

**Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton**

700 Shell Road  
Hampton, VA 23661  
(757) 247-2075  
Amelia Mondok-Pearson,  
Educational Director

**Type of Agency:** State residential school.

**Mission:** Provides essential services for children who are deaf or blind or have sensory-impaired multiple disabilities by providing quality day and residential programs to children referred by local school divisions and by serving as a resource for similar children educated throughout the commonwealth.

**Funded by:** State funds and other sources.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Includes teachers of visually impaired students and staff dually certified as teachers and orientation/mobility specialists; various specialists and therapists available as part-time staff or consultants. Uses volunteers. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1991-92: 21.

**Eligibility:** Blind; Virginia resident living east of I-95.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Day students-2 to 21 years of age. Residential students-5 to 21 years of age.

**Health:** Well-staffed infirmary open 24 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Guidance counselors, social worker, psychologist, and clinical psychologist available.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Residential:** Dormitories.

**Employment:** Vocational training.

**Low Vision:** Low vision exams.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES**

**Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton**

700 Shell Road  
Hampton, VA 23661  
(757) 247-2284  
Amelia Mondok-Pearson, Lead  
Teacher for the Blind

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1906.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21.

**Assessment:** Y.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Y.

**Direct Service:** In conjunction with Department for the Visually Handicapped.

**Parent Assistance:** Y.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS**

**Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Instructional Materials and Resource Center**

395 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3623  
(804) 371-3661 or (800) 552-7015  
FAX: (804) 371-3508  
Barbara McCarthy, Director  
Laura Rhodes, Manager

**Area Served:** State of Virginia.

**Groups Served:** Ages 0-22 who are still enrolled in a public, private, or parochial secondary program.

**Types/Content:** Developmental and educational materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-print textbooks.

**◆ Information Services**

**LIBRARIES**

**Fredericksburg Area Subregional Library**

Central Rappahannock Regional Library  
1201 Caroline Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
(703) 372-1144 or toll-free in Virginia (800) 628-4807 or TDD (703) 372-1144  
FAX: (703) 373-9411  
Nancy Schiff, Librarian  
Subregional library.

**Hampton Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

4207 Victoria Boulevard  
Hampton, VA 23669  
(757) 727-1900 or TDD (757) 727-1900  
FAX: (757) 727-1151  
Mary Sue Newman, Librarian  
Subregional library.

**Library and Resource Center Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped**

395 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3623  
 (804) 371-3661 or toll-free in  
 Virginia (800) 552-7015 (voice/  
 TDD)  
 FAX: (804) 371-3508  
 E-mail:  
 mccarthybn@dvhmail.state.  
 va.us  
 Barbara McCarthy, Director

**Type of Agency:** State program of  
 the Virginia Department for the  
 Visually Handicapped.

**Mission:** To provide free library  
 service to all eligible print-  
 handicapped individuals in  
 Virginia; braille and large print  
 textbooks and adaptive equipment  
 to students.

**Funded by:** State general funds;  
 federal grants.

**Budget:** \$1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 25.

**History/Date:** Est. 1958.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
 Average 9,000 statewide.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually  
 impaired, physically handicapped,  
 or learning disabled not able to use  
 conventional print; certification of  
 disability required; Virginia  
 residents only.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** N.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Library for the Blind and  
 Physically Handicapped  
 Newport News Public Library  
 System**

110 Main Street  
 Newport News, VA 23601  
 (757) 591-4855 or (757) 886-2828 or  
 TDD (757) 591-7418  
 FAX: (757) 591-4680  
 Julie M. Hewin, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Roanoke City Public Library  
 Outreach Services**

2607 Salem Turnpike N. W.  
 Roanoke, VA 24017  
 (540) 981-2648  
 Rebecca Cooper, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Special Services  
 Fairfax County Public Library**

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane  
 Alexandria, VA 22306  
 (703) 660-6943 or TDD (703) 660-  
 8524  
 FAX: (703) 765-5893  
 Jeanette A. Studley, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Special Services Division  
 Virginia Beach Public Library**

930 Independence Boulevard  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
 (757) 464-9175 or TDD (757) 464-  
 9136  
 FAX: (757) 464-6741  
 Aleen Wicher, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Talking Book Center  
 Staunton Public Library**

1 Churchville Avenue  
 Staunton, VA 24401-3229  
 (540) 885-6215  
 Oakley Pearson, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Talking Book Service  
 Alexandria Library**

826 Slaters Lane  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 (703) 838-4298 or TDD (703) 838-  
 4568  
 Patricia Bates, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Talking Book Service  
 Arlington County Department of  
 Libraries**

1015 North Quincy Street  
 Arlington, VA 22201  
 (703) 358-6333 or TDD (703) 358-  
 6320  
 FAX: (703) 358-5998  
 Roxanne Barnes, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
 SERVICES**

**Recording for the Blind and  
 Dyslexic**

1021 Millmont Street  
 Charlottesville, VA 22901  
 (804) 293-4797  
 Janet Ewert, Director

See Recording for the Blind and  
 Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**RADIO READING**

**Hampton Roads Voice of the  
 Print Handicapped**

5200 Hampton Boulevard  
 Norfolk, VA 23508  
 (757) 889-9400  
 FAX: (757) 489-0007  
 Peter Pine, Coordinator

**Funded by:** United Way; State  
 funds and voluntary contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours,  
 seven days.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Area Served:** Southwest Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Valley Voice Radio Reading  
 Service**

WMRA-FM  
 James Madison University  
 Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
 (703) 568-3811  
 Elizabeth A. Rubush

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Rockingham County.



**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sun.  
5:00 AM-Midnight.

**Staff:** 3.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Area Served:** 35-mile radius from Harrisonburg, including Staunton, Waynesboro, New Market, and Charlottesville.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **Virginia Tech Radio Reading Service**

4235 Electric Road, S.W.  
Suite 105

Roanoke, VA 24014

(540) 989-8900

FAX: (540) 776-2727

Ben Martin, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Roanoke County.

**Funded by:** WVTF Public Radio, Virginia Tech Foundation, Voice of the Blue Ridge.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** 80-mile radius from Roanoke, southwestern Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** None.

### **Virginia Voice for the Print Handicapped**

401 Azalea Avenue

P.O. Box 15546

Richmond, VA 23227

(804) 266-2477

FAX: (804) 266-2478

Nick Morgan, Executive Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:15 AM-11:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-  
5:00 PM; Sun. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Area Served:** Richmond metropolitan areas and, via network, Charlottesville, Yorktown, and Harrisonburg areas.

### **Voice of the Peninsula**

9600 George Washington Highway  
P.O. Box 1469

Yorktown, VA 23692

(757) 898-0357

Ambert Dail, Chairperson

William Swartz, Technical Advisor

**County/District Where Located:**  
York County.

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days a week, 7:30 AM-10:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Area Served:** 50-mile radius from Yorktown, Tidewater areas.

## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

### **American Optometric Association**

1505 Prince Street

Suite 300

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 739-9200

FAX: (703) 739-9497

Kelly Brand, Director of Professional Relations

**County/District Where Located:**  
Alexandria County.

See American Optometric Association in U.S. national listings.

### **The Foundation Fighting Blindness**

#### **Central Virginia Affiliate**

9312 Huron Avenue

Richmond, VA 23294

(804) 270-2620

John Trageser, President

George P. Dolan, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

### **Prevent Blindness Virginia**

9840 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite R

Richmond, VA 23235

(804) 330-3195

FAX: (804) 330-3198

E-mail: 104706.1107@compreserve.com

Tim Gresham, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Chesterfield County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

### **See also in national listings:**

American Diabetes Association  
National Center

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Better Vision Institute  
Vision Council of America

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association of State Directors of Special Education

National Industries for the Blind

Opticians Association of America

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## **◆ Rehabilitation Services**

### **STATE SERVICES**

#### **Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped**

395 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227-3623

(804) 371-3140

FAX: (804) 371-3351

URL: <http://www.state.va.us%hhr/dvh-2.htm>

W. Roy Grizzard, Jr.,  
Commissioner

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; income from general funds; state and federal funds.

**Budget:** 1992-93: \$16,970,942.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 242 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1922.

**Number of Clients Served:** Unduplicated count not available.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general and eye medical services. Provides eye surgery and/or eye treatment. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training; referral to community services. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Accepts persons who are deaf-blind, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled if visually impaired or have other multiple disabilities and are capable of meeting educational requirements. Programs for college prep; adapted tests, materials, and equipment; sponsorship for college training.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training programs.

**Reading:** Lends talking book record player and cassette player; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines. Information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand. Department's library also serves physically disabled persons.

**Residential:** Dormitories for elderly and other adults, and multiply disabled persons; on-site apartments for adults and elderly persons while in training at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; social skills; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; remedial education; sensory training.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; special programs for elderly persons; bowling; swimming; track; basketball; pool. Contracts, refers, and provides consultation to other agencies for other recreational services.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; sheltered workshops; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training; supported employment; vocational training.

**Computer Training:** Computer adaptive skills training at Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

**Low Vision:** Assessment of functional residual vision; evaluation for feasibility of specialized visual aids; prescription of spectacles or low vision aids or devices; provides specialized aids and follow-up training in use of aids and/or use of residual vision. Aids are distributed by in-house optical aids center. Low vision services are obtained by contacting regional offices.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Regional Offices:**

**Bristol Regional Office:** 111 Commonwealth Avenue, Bristol, VA 24201, (703) 676-5457.

**Fairfax Regional Office:** 1150 Main Street, Suite 502, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 359-1100.

**Norfolk Regional Office:** 5505 Robin Hood Road, Suite F, Norfolk, VA 23513, (757) 858-6724.

**Richmond Regional Office:** 397 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227, (804) 371-3353.

**Roanoke Regional Office:** Commonwealth of Virginia Building, 210 Church Avenue, S.W., Suite 308, Roanoke, VA 24011-1523, (540) 857-7122.

**Stanton Regional Office:** 620 East Beverly Street, Stanton, VA 24401, (540) 332-7729.

**Local Offices:**

**Charlottesville:** Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia Industries for the Blind, 1102 Monticello Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (804) 295-5168.



**Richmond:** Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia Industries for the Blind, 1535 High Street, Richmond, VA 23261, (804) 786-2056.

#### **Special Sections:**

**Richmond:** Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 401 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227, (804) 371-3151.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind**

6400 Rigsby Road  
Richmond, VA 23226  
(804) 282-0813

Betty Meredith, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Henrico County.

**Funded by:** Membership fees and contributions.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Health:** Prescribes eyeglasses.

**Recreational:** Summer camp.

#### **Virginia Industries for the Blind Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped**

1102 Monticello Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(804) 295-5168

FAX: (804) 977-0122

Janet Honeycutt, Plant Manager  
Robert C. Berrang, General  
Manager

**Type of Agency:** Provides training and employment opportunities for blind persons.

**County/District Where Located:** Albemarle County.

**Mission:** To provide training, work evaluations and employment for blind and visually impaired Virginians to achieve their

maximum level of independence and participation in society.

**Funded by:** Self-supported by sales revenues.

**Budget:** \$3,750,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 1 vocational coordinator.

**History/Date:** Est. 1922.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 100.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility determination made by Department for the Visually Handicapped Services Division.

**Area Served:** State of Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** Legal age to work.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Vocational counseling, training, evaluations.

**Employment:** Transitional and permanent.

**Computer Training:** Available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Available.

#### **Virginia Industries for the Blind Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped**

1535 High Street  
P.O. Box 27563  
Richmond, VA 23220  
(804) 295-6034 or (804) 295-5168  
FAX: (804) 977-0122  
Robert C. Berrang, General  
Manager

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provide a job program for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Budget:** \$7,500,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1925.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility determination made by the

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped.

**Area Served:** State of Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and over.

**Rehabilitation:** Training and vocational assistance for outward placement.

**Employment:** Training and employment opportunities.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on case basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

#### **Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**

401 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23227  
(804) 371-3151  
FAX: (804) 371-3092  
Dennis Garza, Director

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### **◆ Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Virginia Society of Ophthalmology**

P.O. Box 23027  
Richmond, VA 23223  
(804) 649-2407  
Donna H. Scott, Executive Director

#### **Virginia Optometric Association**

118 North Eighth Street  
Richmond, VA 23219-2305  
(804) 643-0309  
Bruce B. Keeney, Director

**LOW VISION CENTERS****Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped**

395 Azalea Avenue  
 Richmond, VA 23227-3623  
 (804) 371-3140  
 FAX: (804) 371-3351  
 W. Roy Grizzard, Jr.,  
 Commissioner  
 Marge Owens, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Provide an opportunity for all visually handicapped Virginians to maximize their visual abilities through community-based interdisciplinary low vision services.

**Funded by:** State, federal funds.

**Budget:** \$232,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:15 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 19 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1960.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 1,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Eye report.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Transportation:** N.

**Low Vision:** Available through local offices.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** As needed.

For office locations, see Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services listings.

**Virginia Optometric Center**

210 North James Street  
 Ashland, VA 23005  
 (804) 270-2020 or (804) 798-3010  
 Robert M. Malatin, O.D., Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Henrico County.

**Funded by:** Client fees (sliding scale); state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision specialists.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; with deposit, no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**

401 Azalea Avenue  
 Richmond, VA 23227  
 (804) 371-3151  
 FAX: (804) 371-3092  
 Lee Albright, O.D.  
 Gail Kinder, Assistant Director

**Type of Agency:** Public residential rehabilitation center.

**County/District Where Located:** Henrico County.

**Mission:** To provide an opportunity for all visually impaired Virginians to maximize their visual abilities through community and center-based interdisciplinary low vision services.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Friday twice a month, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, or as needed.

**Staff:** Social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; rehabilitation counselor; consulting audiologist; work evaluator; consulting optometrist; low vision specialist; deaf-blind specialist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250 yearly.

**Eligibility:** Eye-care practitioner report.

**Area Served:** Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** 14 years and older.

**Educational:** Adult basic educational programs.

**Employment:** Adjustment training and some job-site training.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies.

**◆ Aging Services****STATE UNITS ON AGING****Virginia Department for the Aging**

700 Centre, Tenth Floor  
 700 East Franklin Street  
 Richmond, VA 23219-2327  
 (804) 225-2271 or Information & Referral In State (800) 552-3402  
 FAX: (804) 371-8381  
 Thelma Bland, Commissioner

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS****Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped Services Division**

395 Azalea Avenue  
 Richmond, VA 23227  
 (804) 371-3140 or (800) 622-2155  
 Jane Ward, Program Director

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# VIRGIN ISLANDS

## ♦ *Educational Services*

### STATE SERVICES

**Virgin Islands Department of Education  
State Office of Special Education**

44-46 Kongens Gade  
Charlotte Amalie  
St. Thomas, VI 00802  
(809) 774-4399  
FAX: (809) 774-0817  
Elsie Monsanto, Director of Special Education

**Mission:** To provide all appropriate educational and related services to eligible students, ages 3-21.

**Funded by:** Virgin Islands government and federal funds.

**Area Served:** St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

Provides special classes for totally blind students. Partially sighted children attend regular classes. Provides reader service for students 15 years and over who qualify.

For information about local facilities, consult the head of schools in the area.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

Division of Maternal and Child Health Care and Crippled Children Services  
Virgin Islands Department of Health  
Knud Hansen Complex  
516 Strand Street  
Charlotte Amalie  
St. Thomas, VI 00802  
(809) 772-5895 or (809) 774-0117  
FAX: (809) 772-5895  
Jose F. Poblete, Assistant Commissioner

## ♦ *Information Services*

### LIBRARIES

**Virgin Islands Regional Library for the Visually and Physically Handicapped**

3012 Golden Rock  
Christiansted  
St. Croix, VI 00820  
(809) 772-2250  
FAX: (809) 772-3545  
Laurie Cole, Regional Librarian

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4.5 full time equivalents.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150.

**Eligibility:** As per National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Regional library supplying talking books, braille, large-type books, cassette tapes, talking book machines, cassette players, and home visits.

## ♦ *Rehabilitation Services*

### STATE SERVICES

**Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitation Services  
Virgin Islands Department of Human Services**

Knud Hansen Complex  
Building A, 1303 Hospital Ground  
Charlotte Amalie  
St. Thomas, VI 00802  
(809) 774-0930  
FAX: (809) 774-3466  
Sadonie Halbert, Administrator of Disabilities

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** Services to all disabled persons, including those who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and guidance and personal adjustment services available.

**Rehabilitation:** Physical and mental restoration; mobility training; independent living services; vocational and college training; Randolph-Sheppard program; special equipment training.

**Employment:** Supported employment services.

#### Local Offices:

**St. Croix:** Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Senior Citizens Affairs, P.O. Box 146, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820, (809) 773-2333.

**St. Thomas:** Division of Senior Citizens Affairs, Barbel Plaza South, St. Thomas, VI 00802, (809) 774-5884.

## ◆ *Aging Services*

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

**Senior Citizen Affairs  
Virgin Islands Department of  
Human Services**

19 Estate Diamond  
Fredericksted  
St. Croix, VI 00840  
(809) 692-5950  
FAX: (809) 692-2062  
Bernice Hall, Administrator

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

**Virgin Islands Department of  
Human Services**

1303 Hospital Ground, Building A  
Charlotte Amalie  
St. Thomas, VI 00802  
(809) 774-0930  
Beverly Plankett, Administrator

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# WASHINGTON

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

##### Special Education

Old Capitol Building  
P.O. Box 47200

Olympia, WA 98504-7200  
(360) 753-6733

FAX: (360) 586-0247

Douglas H. Gill, Director of Special Education

Don L. Hanson, Supervisor,  
Special Education

**Type of Agency:** State education agency.

**Mission:** Provides program material and services for visually impaired children through state and federal funds.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Area Served:** Washington State.

**Age Requirements:** Primarily serve persons aged 3 through 21 (or high school graduation); children aged 0-2 are also eligible.

For information about local facilities, consult the local school district.

OSPI also funds the Washington Instructional Resource Center, a statewide project that serves blind and low vision students, and contributes support for Washington State Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness (which is partially federally supported). In addition, it funds the cooperative efforts of educational service districts and local school districts on the East side of the state.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Birth to Three Early Intervention Program

##### Washington Department of Social and Health Services

P.O. Box 45201

Olympia, WA 98504-5201

(360) 586-2810

FAX: (360) 902-8497

Sandy Loerch, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Thurston County.

Lead agency for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part H).

### SCHOOLS

#### Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street

Vancouver, WA 98661-4120

(360) 696-6321

FAX: (360) 737-2120

Dr. Dean O. Stenehjem,  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Clark County.

**Mission:** Provides specialized 24-hour quality educational services to visually impaired youths ages 0-21 within the state of Washington. A statewide demonstration and resource center, the school provides direct and indirect services to students both on campus and in each child's local community. Provides services to families, educators, and others interested in assisting visually impaired youths to become independent, contributing citizens.

**Budget:** 1995-97: \$7,214,404.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 72 full time; 2 part time.

Uses volunteers and foster grandparents.

**History/Date:** Est. 1886.

**Number of Clients Served:** 233 monthly average 1995-96; 74 on campus, 159 off campus.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired or blind.

**Area Served:** Washington residents accepted without tuition. Students from other states or countries accepted on a tuition basis if space is available.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21 years.

**Health:** School health center staffed by RNs.

**Educational:** Preschool through post-high school. College prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Major emphasis in community integration and intensive specialized skill development. All students enrolled with a 24-hour Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Individual Transition Plan (ITP). Summer school provided for students from local education areas (LEAs) from throughout the state of Washington who are not currently enrolled at the school. Emphasis on specialized skill training.

#### Professional Training:

Internship/student teaching in a wide variety of areas: classroom vision, orientation and mobility, special education-related services, and low vision. Regular in-service workshops for state and region.

**Residential:** Five cottages and one independent living center. Major emphasis in the cottage program is placed on students developing skills that will lead toward independence.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; snow

skiing, swimming, integration with community recreational sources.

**Employment:** Assistance for students in smooth transition to adult placement/careers.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Clinic funded by Lions Clubs. Provides comprehensive low vision evaluations at no charge. Clinic open two days a week during the school year.

**Low Vision Aids:** Depository funded by Lions Clubs. Lends low vision aids after evaluation and training. Provides follow-up on low vision evaluation and use of low vision aids.

Braille Access Center - Public and private braille production center. Operates on a fee-for-services basis. (360) 696-6321, ext. 158#.

Computer Technology Center - Statewide services provided to local public schools, staff and students. (360) 696-6321, ext. 157#.

Instructional Material Center - Statewide resources provided - materials, aids, applicance, material acquisition, and consultative services. (360) 696-6321, ext. 183#.

Provides consultative outreach services throughout the state. Also provides long-term contracted consultant services and contracted itinerant services.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120  
(360) 696-6321, ext. 124  
FAX: (360) 737-2120  
Rod Humble, Outreach Services Coordinator

**Funded by:** State of Washington.

**History/Date:** Outreach services; est. 1978.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Assessment:** Assessment of needs in public schools, throughout state and more comprehensive assessments at School for the Blind.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** Entire school and residential staff available to consult with local schools and families.

**Direct Service:** Provide direct service to 23 districts within the state.

**Parent Assistance:** On request, visits with parents in their homes.

**Materials Production:** Braille materials and instructional resource center.

**Professional Training:** Numerous yearly workshops for teachers, para-professionals and parents. Summer institute for staff throughout the state who have no training with visually impaired children.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Washington Instructional Resource Center

### Washington State School for the Blind

2120 East 13th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661  
(360) 696-6321, ext. 183 or 184  
FAX: (360) 737-2120  
Joan Christensen, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Washington State.

**Groups Served:** Blind or partially sighted persons; public and private schools.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.

**Title Listings:** Available on request.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

### Washington Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

821 Lenora Street  
Seattle, WA 98129  
(206) 464-6930 or toll-free in Washington (800) 542-0866 or TDD (206) 464-6930  
FAX: (206) 464-0247  
E-mail: wtbbbl@spl.lib.wa.us  
URL: <http://www.spl.lib.wa.us/wtbbbl.html>  
Jan Ames, Librarian  
Phyllis Cairns, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** Regional library for individuals with disabilities.

**Mission:** To provide library services to citizens who are unable to utilize print materials.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$1,246,758.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**Staff:** 22.4.

**History/Date:** Est. 1931.

**Number of Clients Served:** 12,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually or physically disabled, deaf/blind, reading disabled.

**Area Served:** Washington.

**Low Vision:** Closed-circuit televisions on a loan basis.

Regional library supplying braille, large type, audio cassette books, talking book records and cassette machines; offers braille and taping service.

Has radio reading service (special programming for blind and physically disabled persons) in Seattle, Spokane and most of eastern Washington.



## MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

### Father Palmer Memorial Braille Service

#### Lilac Blind Foundation

North 1212 Howard Street  
Spokane, WA 99201  
(509) 325-1442 or (800) 422-7893  
Caroline Means, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Spokane.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, any requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; thermoform - computer.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Seattle Area Braillists, Inc.

13746 Corliss Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98133  
(206) 362-3764  
Jeanne Horsey, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
King County.

**Area Served:** State of Washington.

**Groups Served:** K-12; assignments from Washington State Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Available through the Special Education Materials Clearinghouse and Depository, (360) 696-6321, ext. 158.

### University of Washington

448 Schmitz Hall  
Box 355839  
Seattle, WA 98195  
(206) 543-8924  
FAX: (206) 616-8379  
E-mail: uwdss@u.washington.edu  
Dyane Haynes, Director

**Groups Served:** College students.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

### Washington State Braille Access Center

#### Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120  
(360) 696-6321, ext. 158  
FAX: (360) 737-2120  
Colleen Heiden, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Washington State.

**Groups Served:** 3-21 years, college students. Other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, career/vocational, general fiction, nonfiction.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

## RADIO READING

### Evergreen Radio Reading Service

821 Lenora Street  
Seattle, WA 98129  
(206) 464-6930  
FAX: (206) 464-6930  
E-mail: wtbbbl@spl.lib.wa.us  
Donna Amos, Assistant Manager

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-7:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973 (Seattle), 1983 (Spokane), 1986 (eastern Washington), 1994 (24-hour reading).

**Area Served:** Western Washington; all major population centers in eastern Washington.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

### The Foundation Fighting Blindness Seattle Affiliate

300 Queen Anne Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109-4599  
(206) 946-1433  
Gerald Purdy, Contact Person

See The Foundation Fighting Blindness in U.S. national listings.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

## STATE SERVICES

### Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive  
Suite 100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0933  
(360) 586-1224  
FAX: (360) 586-7627  
E-mail: ssmi315@dsb.wa.gov  
Shirley Smith, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State and federal funding.

**Budget:** \$6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All offices accessible.

**Staff:** 70.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000 annually.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counselors for vocational rehabilitation and adjustment.

**Educational:** Family program to educate parents.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living program; vocational rehabilitation.

**Employment:** Vocational counseling, training, placement. Business enterprise program.

**Computer Training:**

Individualized training at job site.

**Low Vision:** Complete program of evaluation, referral and rehabilitation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Local Offices:**

**Seattle:** 3411 South Alaska Street, Seattle, WA 98118, (206) 721-4422.

**Spokane:** West 55 Mission Street, Suite 3, Spokane, WA 99201, (509) 456-4458.

**Tacoma:** 10209 Bridgeport Way, S.W., Suite 1A, Tacoma, WA 98499, (206) 589-7227.

**Vancouver:** 500 West Eighth Street, Suite 18, Vancouver, WA 98660, (360) 696-6238.

**Yakima:** 1600 West Perry Building 1, Suite D, Yakima, WA 98902, (509) 575-2014.

## REHABILITATION

### American Lake Blind Rehabilitation Clinic U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Puget Sound Health Care System

9900 Veterans Drive S.W.

Tacoma, WA 98493

(206) 582-8440, ext. 6203

FAX: (206) 589-4112

Mike Weatherly, Chief

Kent Wardell, Assistant Chief

**Type of Agency:** Federal.

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

**Mission:** Provides residential and rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind veterans.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

Referral applications by Visual Impairment Services programs located at VA Medical Centers and

Outpatient Clinics in the geographical area served by the Blind Rehabilitation Center or Clinic.

See U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in U.S. Federal Agencies listings.

### Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

9709 Third Avenue N.E.

Suite 100

Seattle, WA 98115-2027

(206) 525-5556 or toll-free in

Washington (800) 458-4888

FAX: (206) 525-0422

E-mail: csbps@csbps.com

URL: <http://www.csbps.com>

June W. Mansfield, President/CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** United Way; contributions; bequests; used merchandise; solicitation; fees.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,100,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 34 full time, 49 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1965.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1996: 1,600.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind, blind, visually impaired.

**Area Served:** King, Snohomish, and Skagit Counties.

**Health:** Low vision clinic includes evaluation of functional vision; prescription of low vision aids and training in their use; trial loan of aids before purchase before purchase.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Psychological assessment; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling; referral to community resources. Workshops, classes, support groups. Provides

consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work.

**Educational:** Information and referral; quarterly newsletter; statewide resource guide; classes. Consultation about Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; social work.

**Reading:** Volunteers available to assist at home with mail reading and grocery shopping.

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; activities of daily living services, personal management; braille and other communication; adaptive aids; diabetes management; brailler repair.

**Employment:** Refers for employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Individual tutorials offered in agency's assistive technology center.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Operates a "teaching store" where persons purchase and learn to use a variety of adaptive products.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

Operates a volunteer service to meet client requests for assistance; service includes reading, grocery shopping, and bill paying.

### Emil Fries Piano Hospital and Training Center

2510 East Evergreen Boulevard  
Vancouver, WA 98662

(360) 693-1511

FAX: (360) 693-6891

Kenneth D. Serviss, Executive Vice President and Manager

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Clark County.



**Mission:** Teaching men and women, primarily those with visual limitations, to be self-sufficient as piano tuner-technicians.

**Funded by:** Tuition, piano sales and service, donations.

**Budget:** \$485,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 7 full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1949.

**Eligibility:** Totally or legally blind; high school graduate or equivalent.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Advice on site, refers for counseling.

**Educational:** Program for vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** Regular full-time training program; short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record and cassette players; talking book records and tapes; braille and large-print books; braille and recorded magazines. Tape recording services on request.

**Residential:** Off-site apartments and boarding homes.

**Employment:** Occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; job referral; follow-up service.

**Low Vision Aids:** Vistek; braille writers, talking computer.

#### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults Northwest Region Office**

2366 Eastlake Avenue East  
Suite 209

Seattle, WA 98102-3366  
(206) 324-9120 (voice/TDD)

FAX: (206) 324-9159

Dorothy Walt, Regional Representative

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

See Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in U.S. national listings.

#### **The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.**

2501 Plum Street

P.O. Box C-14119

Seattle, WA 98114

(206) 322-4200 or TDD (206) 324-1388

FAX: (206) 329-3397

George Jacobson, President

Paula Hoffman, Director of

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

**Mission:** To be the premier manufacturer of products made by blind persons, offering a range of quality employment opportunities and services to people who are blind, deaf-blind, and blind/multiplied disabled.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales; contributions; fees.

**Budget:** 1997: \$17 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Approximately 30 administrative. Approximately 24 rehabilitation/services. Manufacturing division employs about 250.

**History/Date:** Est. 1918.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 750 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, blind, deaf-blind or blind with multiple disabilities.

**Area Served:** Pacific Northwest, particularly Seattle metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** 21 years and over.

**Health:** Occupational health nurse on-site.

**Educational:** Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program offered for part-time, individualized and self-paced study.

**Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in orientation/mobility; interpreter training; in-service training when requested by schools, institutions, hospitals, group homes and other facilities.

**Rehabilitation:** See "Employment."

**Recreational:** Week-long retreat for deaf-blind persons in August.

**Employment:** Vocational evaluation; orientation/mobility training; independent living classes/services; work-related counseling; competitive placement services; supported employment services; specialized support services for deaf-blind persons, including interpreting department. On-the-job training; employment in manufacturing company; prevocational training for developmentally disabled.

**Computer Training:** Computer basics, keyboarding, Windows software.

#### **Lilac Blind Foundation**

North 1212 Howard

Spokane, WA 99201

(509) 328-9116 or (800) 422-7893

FAX: (509) 328-8965

Nancy Domanico, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide services and training to blind persons.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 8.

**History/Date:** Est. 1972.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800 clients served per year.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Personal adjustment.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living program.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation services available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available.

### COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

#### Olympia Educational Service District 114

105 National Avenue  
Bremerton, WA 98312  
(360) 478-6886  
FAX: (360) 478-6869  
Debra Knesal, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Kitsap County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; word processing; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

#### Special Education Technology Center

506 North Sprague

Ellensburg, WA 98926  
(509) 925-8040

FAX: (509) 925-8025

Ann Black, Supervisor  
Barbaralyn Harden, Technology Specialist

Jerry Connolly, Technology Specialist

**County/District Where Located:** Kittitas County.

**Computer Training:** Assistive technology; augmentative and alternative communication (A.A.C.); lending library.

#### Washington State School for the Blind

#### Technical Center for Blind and Visually Handicapped Students

2214 East 13th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661-4120  
(360) 696-6321  
FAX: (360) 737-2120  
Bruce McClanahan, Instructor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; training for instructors; computer operating systems; equipment with software loan program; evaluations on-site and off.

## ♦ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

2033 6th Avenue  
Suite 1100  
Seattle, WA 98121  
(206) 441-9762  
FAX: (206) 441-5863  
Kory Diemert, Executive Administrator

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

#### Washington Association of Optometric Physicians

555 116th Avenue N.E., #166  
Bellevue, WA 98004-5274  
(206) 455-0874  
FAX: (206) 646-9646  
Judy Balzer, Executive Director

### LOW VISION CENTERS

#### Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

9709 Third Avenue, N.E.  
Suite 100  
Seattle, WA 98115-2027  
(206) 525-5556 or toll-free in Washington (800) 458-4888  
FAX: (206) 525-0422  
E-mail: csbps@csbps.com  
URL: <http://www.csbps.com>  
June W. Mansfield, President/CEO  
Mark Mahnke, Vice President, Rehabilitation Services

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

**Mission:** To provide services for persons with low vision.

**Funded by:** Client fees; United Way; donations; third-party payers.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Optometrist; low vision rehabilitation specialist; mobility instructor; social worker.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600.

**Eligibility:** Low vision; ophthalmology report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation of functional vision; prescription and training in use of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Aids:** Trial loan of low vision aids before purchase.



**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Eye and Ear Clinic**

600 Douglas Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-7143  
T. A. Sorom, M.D., Chairman

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Eligibility:** None.

**Area Served:** Central Washington.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available on a limited basis.

### **Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound**

Eastside Medical Center  
2701 156th Avenue, N.E.  
Redmond, WA 98052  
(206) 883-5331  
FAX: (206) 556-6110  
John W. Barry, O.D., Optometrist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
10:50 AM-2:50 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
optometrist.

**Eligibility:** Health plan member;  
private patients also seen.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Phone interview in 1 month; return appointment in 6 months.

### **Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound**

Central Hospital and Specialty Center  
200 15th Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98112  
(206) 326-3133  
Gregory L. Eisen, O.D.,  
Optometrist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** King County.

**Funded by:** Client fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
optometrist; optician; ophthalmic assistant/ technician; optometric assistant/ technician; social worker; occupational therapist; psychologist/ counselor.

**Eligibility:** Health plan member.

**Area Served:** King County and northwestern Washington State.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment in 6 months.

### **Lions Low Vision Clinic of the Inland Empire**

4001 Cook  
Spokane, WA 99207  
(509) 484-4259  
Karen Christensen, Director  
Gene Teigen, O.D.,  
Ophthalmologist

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** Client fees and grants.

**Hours of Operation:** By appointment.

**Staff:** Optometrist;  
ophthalmologist; low vision assistant; optometry student/ resident.

**Eligibility:** Referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; rental fee charged; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment after 1 month.

### **Washington State School for the Blind**

2214 East 13th Street

Vancouver, WA 98661-4120  
(360) 696-6321, ext. 141#  
FAX: (206) 737-2120  
Dr. Dean O. Stenehjelm,  
Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Lions State Sight Conservation Program; Lions Club MD#19 Sight Foundation.

**Hours of Operation:** 2 days per week during school year.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 200 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired students; referred.

**Area Served:** Washington.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Professional Training:** Serves as a training program for Pacific University School of Optometry.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; no rental fee; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment or school visit after 1 month.

Clinic provides examinations and assessments at no cost to the public. Summary reports include diagnosis, recommended aids, suggested additional therapy or further examination, as needed.

## **◆ Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Aging and Adult Services Administration**

#### **Washington State Department of Social and Health Services**

P.O. Box 45050  
Olympia, WA 98504-5050  
(360) 586-8753 or Information & Referral In State (800) 422-3263  
FAX: (360) 902-7848  
Ralph Smith, Assistant Secretary

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Washington Department of Services for the Blind**

55 West Mission  
Spokane, WA 99201  
(509) 456-3165  
Howard Kovasky, Program  
Manager

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# WEST VIRGINIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### West Virginia Department of Education

State Capitol Building  
Building #6, Room B-304/1900  
Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, WV 25305  
(304) 558-2696  
FAX: (304) 558-3741

Dr. Michael Valentine, Director,  
Special Education  
Annette Corey, Coordinator,  
Blind/Deaf-Blind

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Administers supplemental state funds provided for blind children in local schools. Provides counseling on the education of visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:15 AM-4:45 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible to all individuals with disabilities.

**Number of Clients Served:** 145 blind, or partially sighted students in public school programs; 65 blind students in state residential school for the blind.

**Eligibility:** State criteria; same as federal definition.

**Area Served:** State of West Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Rehabilitation:** By West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services.

For information about local facilities, consult the

superintendent of schools in the area, or Superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind (304) 822-4801.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Office of Maternal and Child Health/Children with Special Health Care Needs Program West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

1116 Quarier Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 558-3071  
FAX: (304) 558-2866  
Pamela Roush, Part H Early Intervention Director

**County/District Where Located:** Kanawha County.

Services include the following: audiology; service coordination; family training; counseling and home visits; health services; medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes; nursing; nutrition; physical therapy; psychological services; social work; special instruction; speech-language pathology; transportation; vision services; and assistive technology devices and technology services.

### SCHOOLS

#### West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street  
Romney, WV 26757  
(304) 822-4800  
FAX: (304) 822-3370  
Jane K. McBride, Interim Superintendent  
Thomas O. Workman, Principal,  
School for the Blind

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:** Hampshire County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours, 7 days.

**Staff:** Full-time educational and residential staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1870.

**Number of Clients Served:** 179.

**Eligibility:** Visual or auditory impairment; West Virginia resident.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 5 to 23 years.

**Health:** Audiology therapy; speech therapy. Refers for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; placement in school, training. Contracts and refers for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for general academic study; vocational/skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books/braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.

**Residential:** Residential services as well as other necessary support services are provided.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier;

home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; bowling; swimming; track; wrestling; cheerleading; band; chorus. Refers for residential summer camp.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development. Refers for other employment services.

**Computer Training:** Training on computer aids and devices.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street

Romney, WV 26757

(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Jane K. McBride, Interim

Superintendent

Thomas O. Workman, Principal,  
School for the Blind

**Type of Agency:** Residential school and state agency.

**County/District Where Located:** Hampshire County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Staff:** 4 full time (early childhood teachers/teachers of visually impaired students); 9 part time (includes orientation/mobility specialist, physical therapist). Various therapists and specialists available as consultants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1870.

**Number of Clients Served:** 146.

**Eligibility:** West Virginia resident with a visual or audio impairment.

**Area Served:** West Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 5 years.

**Health:** Genetic counseling; low vision exams; adaptive equipment; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

**Preschools:** Home- and center-based programs, consultant services to other programs for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and multiply disabled infants, 0-2 years. Home teaching and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and multiply disabled children, 3-5 years.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street

Romney, WV 26757

(304) 822-4800

FAX: (304) 822-3370

Dan Oates, Outreach Specialist,  
Blind

Paul Athey, Outreach Specialist,  
Blind

Karen Cook, Outreach Specialist,  
Deaf

**County/District Where Located:** Hampshire County.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1870.

**Age Requirements:** Under 21 years of age.

**Assessment:** Educational assessment, psychological assessment.

**Consultation to Public Schools:** On request.

**Direct Service:** On request.

**Parent Assistance:** On request.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### West Virginia Instructional Resource Center West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street

Romney, WV 26757

(304) 822-4891

FAX: (304) 822-4898

Donna B. See, Director

**Area Served:** West Virginia.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and other educational materials.

**Media Formats:** Large-print books. Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

Braille and other equipment are provided on a loan basis. Instructional aids and supplies are also available.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped Kanawha County Public Library

123 Capitol Street

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 343-4646, ext. 64

Dixie Smith, Librarian

Subregional library.

#### Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Cabell County Public Library

455 Ninth Street Plaza



Huntington, WV 25701  
 (304) 528-5700  
 FAX: (304) 528-5701  
 Suzanne L. Coldiron, Librarian  
 Subregional library.

**Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Ohio County Public Library**

52 16th Street  
 Wheeling, WV 26003-3696  
 (304) 232-0244  
 FAX: (304) 232-6848  
 Lori Nicholson, Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Subregional library of the West Virginia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Mission:** To extend national services of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 240.

**Eligibility:** Print disabled.

**Area Served:** Wetzel, Brooke, Ohio, Hancock, Marshall Counties.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Educational:** Distributes newsletter, posters, catalogs.

**Computer Training:** Basic DOS training.

**Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library**

3100 Emerson Avenue  
 Parkersburg, WV 26104-2414  
 (304) 420-4587  
 FAX: (304) 420-4589  
 Mike Hickman, Coordinator of Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped

Subregional library.

**West Virginia Library Commission of Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Science and Cultural Center  
 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
 Charleston, WV 25305  
 (304) 558-4061 or (304) 558-4062 or toll-free in West Virginia  
 (800) 642-8674  
 FAX: (304) 558-4066

E-mail: fesenmf@mars.wvlc.wvnet.edu

URL: <http://www.wvlc.wvnet.edu/blind/bphhp.html>

Dave Childress, Librarian  
 Quincy Adams, Machine Lending Information

**Type of Agency:** Regional library.

**Mission:** To serve library needs of blind and physically handicapped state residents.

**Funded by:** State and federal governments.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:45 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full-time equivalents.

**Number of Clients Served:** 4,000.

**Eligibility:** Persons who are certified by a professional to be unable to read regular print due to visual or physical limitations.

**Area Served:** State of West Virginia.

Regional library supplying large-print books and talking books on records and cassettes; operates radio reading service.

**West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

301 East Main Street  
 Romney, WV 26757  
 (304) 822-4800  
 Cynthia Johnson, Librarian

Subregional library.

**RADIO READING**

**West Virginia Radio Reading Service**

Cultural Center  
 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
 Charleston, WV 25305  
 (304) 558-1808  
 Dave Lewis, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Kanawha County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Area Served:** Central and western West Virginia.

**WJGF Radio Station**

301 East Main Street  
 Romney, WV 26757  
 (304) 822-4838  
 FAX: (304) 822-3370  
 George Park, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Hampshire County.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Area Served:** Romney.

**◆ Rehabilitation Services**

**STATE SERVICES**

**Division of Rehabilitation Services**

**West Virginia State Board of Rehabilitation**

State Capitol Complex  
 P.O. Box 50890  
 Charleston, WV 25305-0890  
 (304) 766-4799  
 FAX: (304) 766-4671  
 William Tanzey, Director

**Type of Agency:** State; federal.

**Mission:** To enable West Virginians with disabilities to achieve independence and

integration within the work place, the family, and the community.

**Funded by:** State funds; foundation grants.

**Budget:** \$45 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Meets all criteria of Title I, II, and IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Staff:** 7 full-time staff servicing visually impaired clients.

**History/Date:** Est. 1926.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,456 blind and severely visually impaired clients.

**Eligibility:** Disability that is a handicap to employment.

**Area Served:** West Virginia.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Working age.

**Health:** Diagnosis and evaluation of eye health; treatment of eye condition; prescription of spectacles or aids; follow-up evaluation of eye treatment or prescription; audiology therapy; general medical service; occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech therapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluation; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family / parent, couple counseling; placement in school, training, institution; referral to community services.

**Educational:** Accepts emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically disabled, other multiply disabled persons. Programs for vocational / skill development.

**Professional Training:** Internship / fieldwork placement in orientation / mobility; rehabilitation counseling; social work; vocational rehabilitation. Regular in-service training

programs, short-term or summer training.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; transcription to braille.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; gesticulation; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; home management; orientation / mobility; sensory training; remedial education.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill development; job retention; job retraining; vocational placement; follow-up service; vending stand training. Contracts for sheltered workshops.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service.

#### Local Offices:

**Beckley:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Beckley District Office, 402 Bair Building, Beckley, WV 25801, (304) 256-6900.

**Charleston:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Charleston District Office, 515 Central Avenue, Charleston, WV 25302, (304) 558-3408.

**Clarksburg:** Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Clarksburg District Office, John Davis Government Building, 153 West Main Street, Suite 406, Clarksburg, WV 26301-2913, (304) 624-0300.

**Huntington:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Huntington District Office, 200 Keith-Albee Office Building, 929 1/2 Fourth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701, (304) 528-5585.

**Lewisburg:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Lewisburg District Office, 106 South Court Street, P.O. Box 426, Lewisburg, WV 24901, (304) 647-7515.

**Martinsburg:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Martinsburg District Office, 106 Berkeley Plaza, Suite A, Martinsburg, WV 25401, (304) 267-0005.

**Romney:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney Branch Office, Box 943, Romney, WV 26757, (304) 822-3957.

**Wheeling:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Wheeling District Office, Central Union Building, 14th & Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 238-1092.

#### REHABILITATION

##### Cabell-Wayne Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

910 Fourth Avenue, Room 300  
P.O. Box 223

Huntington, WV 25707

(304) 522-6991

FAX: (304) 522-6924

Paul Slone, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide quality comprehensive rehabilitation services to blind and severely visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Teubert Foundation, investments, and contributions.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 9 full time, 2 part time, uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 350.

**Eligibility:** Acuity of 20/100 in best eye.



**Area Served:** Cabell and Wayne Counties.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Case finding; assessment; peer counseling; information and referral.

**Educational:** Public information and education programs to schools, civic groups and media; participates in school and community vision screening programs.

**Reading:** Eyeglass assistance program; provides transcriptions to tape, large print and braille.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living evaluation; personal management; activities of daily living; braille; handwriting; orientation and mobility; sensory development; training in the use of aids and appliances; services provided in the home and community as appropriate.

**Recreational:** Beep baseball; bowling; dancing; golf; hiking; parties and picnics; theater and concerts; and trips.

**Computer Training:** Access; use of computer aids and devices; some customized programming.

**Low Vision Aids:** Evaluation and prescription of low vision aids; equipment loan and financial assistance programs.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Seeing Hand Association**

737 Market Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-4810  
James Klages, Manager of Therapy Workshop

**Type of Agency:** Private.

**Funded by:** Sub-contracts; sales; United Way; donations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1935 and Inc. 1944.

**Rehabilitation:** Braille.

**Recreational:** Social and Recreational activities such as picnics, Christmas party, bowling, Easter party for children, boat rides.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshops, chair caning, rug weavings, subcontract work, and crafts.

### **West Virginia Society for the Blind and Severely Disabled**

1427 Lee Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 558-2373  
David Naylor

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Kanawha County.

**Mission:** To help blind persons secure gainful employment.

**Funded by:** Public funds, endowment, and fees for service.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** 13.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** 100.

**Eligibility:** Blind or disabled.

**Area Served:** West Virginia.

**Age Requirements:** 18 and over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Group work.

**Professional Training:** Training in food service management.

**Employment:** Vocational training; placement; vending stand and food service programs; follow-up.

## **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS**

### **Division of Rehabilitation Services**

#### **West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services**

State Capitol Complex  
P.O. Box 50890  
Charleston, WV 25305-0890  
(304) 766-4600 or (304) 766-4799  
Dan White, Program Supervisor

**County/District Where Located:** Kanawha County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

### **West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

301 East Main Street  
Romney, WV 26757  
(304) 822-4800  
Kathleen Johnson

**County/District Where Located:** Hampshire County.

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## **◆ Low Vision Services**

## **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

### **West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology**

P.O. Box 5008

Charleston, WV 25361  
(304) 343-5842  
Thomas J. Stevens, Director

### **West Virginia Optometric Association**

815 Quarier Street, Suite 215  
Charleston, WV 25301-2641  
(304) 345-4710  
FAX: (304) 346-6416  
Roger K. Price, Executive Director

## **LOW VISION CENTERS**

### **Children's Vision Rehabilitation Project**

#### **West Virginia University, Department of Ophthalmology**

Health Sciences Center North  
P.O. Box 9193  
Morgantown, WV 26506-9193  
(304) 293-3757  
FAX: (304) 293-7139  
E-mail: [tls@wvnm.wvnet.edu](mailto:tls@wvnm.wvnet.edu)  
Terry L. Schwartz, MD

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to school-age children throughout West Virginia.

**Funded by:** State funds; Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

**Staff:** Pediatric ophthalmologist; pediatric low vision specialist; orientation and mobility specialist; educational outreach specialist.

**History/Date:** Est. 1995.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30-40 children per year.

**Eligibility:** By referral.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Age Requirements:** School age.

**Low Vision:** Assessment, prescription of appropriate aids and training.

**Low Vision Aids:** Will be provided either through the state or local Lions organizations.

### **Low Vision Follow-up:**

Completed 2-3 times per year for each child evaluated. Follow-up evaluations stress proper use of low vision aids and impact on education.

### **Low Vision Clinic**

#### **West Virginia University Department of Ophthalmology**

Health Sciences Center North  
P.O. Box 9193

Morgantown, WV 26506-6302  
(304) 293-3757

John Linberg, M.D., Chairman,  
Department of Ophthalmology,  
Coordinator of Low Vision Clinic

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Funded by:** State funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri,  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologists; low vision specialists; social workers; and psychologists.

**Eligibility:** Ophthalmology referral.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial purposes.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** By return appointment as necessary.

### **West Virginia Rehabilitation Center**

#### **Low Vision Clinic**

P.O. Box 1004  
Institute, WV 25112-1004  
(304) 766-4801

Sidney B. Boyce, Coordinator, Low Vision Clinic

Thomas E. Griffith, O.D., Low Vision Clinician

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Kanawha County.

**Funded by:** Federal and state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; low vision specialist/assistant; rehabilitation counselor; audiologist; optician; social worker; orientation/mobility instructor; rehabilitation teacher; special educator; occupational therapist; psychologist/counselor.

**Eligibility:** Current ophthalmological report; state residence.

**Area Served:** West Virginia.

**Low Vision Aids:** Sometimes provided on loan for trial; some on-site training can be provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

## **◆ Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Office of Aging**

Holly Grove, State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305  
(304) 558-3317 or Information & Referral In State (800) 642-3671  
FAX: (304) 558-0004  
William L. Lytton, Jr., Interim Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.



**INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PROGRAMS****West Virginia Division of  
Rehabilitation Services**

State Capitol Complex  
P.O. Box 50890

Charleston, WV 25305-0890  
(304) 766-4601 or (800) 642-8207  
FAX: (304) 766-4905

William Tanzey, Director  
Daniel White, Program Supervisor,  
Blind and Visually Impaired  
Services, (304) 766-4799

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.

# WISCONSIN

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

##### Exceptional Education Team

125 South Webster Street

P.O. Box 7841

Madison, WI 53707-7841

(608) 266-1781

FAX: (608) 267-3746

E-mail: papinas@mail.state.wi.us

Juanita Pawlisch, Assistant Superintendent

Andrew Papineau, State

Consultant, Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** State, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

**County/District Where Located:** Dane County.

**Mission:** Provides supervisory and consultation services to local educational agencies and private schools serving children with visual and dual sensory impairments. Administers supplemental state and federal funds for programs and services. Offers services in evaluation, consultation, low vision, and educational resources for preschool through high school students for multiply disabled students.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 7:15 AM-4:30 PM.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200.

**Eligibility:** Exceptional educational needs.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Age Requirements:** Birth-21 years.

**Educational:** 3-21 years.

**Reading:** Supplies braille, large-print books, tapes, and specialized equipment through the Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired.

Provides parents and local educational agencies consultation in services and referral.

Coordinates activities and services with the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired.

Provides supervisory and consultation services to local educational agencies serving visually impaired children.

Administers supplemental state and federal funds for programs and services. Offers evaluation services. Provides educational resources for preschool through high school and multiply handicapped visually impaired students. Supplies braille, large type books, tapes, and specialized equipment; training on computer aids and devices. Offers consultation and referral services.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Birth to Three Early Intervention Division of Supportive Living Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

P.O. Box 7851

Madison, WI 53707-7851

(608) 267-3270

FAX: (608) 261-6752

E-mail: wroblbm@dhfs.state.wi.us

Beth Wroblewski, Early Childhood Specialist

Referral and identification; evaluation and assessment; development of service plan for eligible children birth to 3 who have a diagnosed disability or

meet developmental criteria; ongoing service coordination and provision of all services in service/plan; procedural safeguards for parents.

#### Division of Health Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

1414 East Washington Avenue  
Room 96

Madison, WI 53703-3044

(608) 266-3822

FAX: (608) 267-3824

Meredith Washburn, Part H Early Childhood Coordinator

Technical assistance.

### SCHOOLS

#### Center for Blind and Visually Impaired Children

5600 West Brown Deer Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53223

(414) 355-3060

FAX: (414) 355-3547

Linda Bell, Executive Director

**Mission:** To help infants and preschoolers who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities, to learn and develop in mind and body.

**Funded by:** Foundation grants; private donations; United Way; program service fees, civic organizations.

**Budget:** \$463,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

**History/Date:** Founded in; est. 1967.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60-70 Annually.

**Eligibility:** Birth-age 5 years, children with blindness, vision impairment, including the multi handicapped.

**Area Served:** Greater Milwaukee area and surrounding counties.



**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth through five years.

### **Northcentral Technical College**

1000 Campus Drive  
Wausau, WI 54401  
(715) 675-3331, ext. 4087  
FAX: (715) 675-9776

E-mail:  
mielczarekntc@mail.northcentral.  
tec.wi.us

Joe Mielczarek, Counselor,  
Program for Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation and education of blind and visually impaired people.

**Funded by:** College, state, private monies.

**Budget:** \$350,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Y.

**Staff:** 10 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 200.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind; legally blind; multidisabled blind, deaf/blind.

**Area Served:** Primarily Wisconsin.

**Transportation:** Y.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Career counseling; refers and provides consultation to other agencies for counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** One-year diploma programs. Two-year associate's degree programs. Certificates of competencies. Programs for adult continuing education. Vocational and skill development.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs, short-term or summer training, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Residential:** Dormitory.

**Rehabilitation:** Communicative typing; occupational typing; job-seeking skills; low vision; orientation/mobility; techniques of communications; foods; home management; career exploration; access technology; assistive technology for diabetics.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Complete evaluation.

**Low Vision Aids:** Many varieties available to evaluate.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### **Program for Visually Impaired Milwaukee Area Technical College**

700 West State Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
(414) 297-6838  
FAX: (414) 297-8142  
URL: <http://www.milwaukee.tec.wi.us/spneeds>  
Chuck Kevil, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Public.

**Mission:** To provide quality occupational, academic and lifelong education for improving personal and employment potential for the handicapped and disabled.

**Funded by:** State, local and federal funds.

**Budget:** \$2.8 Million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-7:00 PM.

**Staff:** 33 full time; 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1979.

**Number of Clients Served:** 550 annually.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind, legally blind, deaf-blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, or

orthopedically handicapped disabled persons.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Health:** Refers for health services.

### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Social evaluation; individual and group counseling; placement in school; training. Refers and provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services.

**Educational:** First and second year of college. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; vocational/skill development. Associate's degree.

### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in special education. Regular in-service training programs; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Lends talking book cassettes; braille books. Talking book record players and cassette players; information and referral; transcription to braille; tape recording services on demand.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; keyboarding; CCTVs; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; remedial education.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; bowling; swimming; track; adapted physical education for blind persons.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; vocational placement; follow-up service. Refers for other employment-oriented services.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids and devices.

**Low Vision:** Evaluation and referral.

**Low Vision Aids:** Available for loan.

### **Wausau School District**

415 Seymour Street  
Wausau, WI 54402-0359  
(715) 261-2545

FAX: (715) 261-2556

David Damgaard, Administrator,  
Exceptional Education  
Karen Schultz, Teacher of Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Public school.

**Funded by:** P.L. 94-142 monies, state funds, and local taxes.

**Budget:** 1992 (vision program): \$80,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:15 AM-3:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time (teacher of visually impaired students, aide). 17 part time (social worker, psychologist, occupational and physical therapists). Specialists and therapists available as consultants. Has advisory board (parent members) for overall program.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8.

**Eligibility:** Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements regarding visual impairment.

**Area Served:** Central and northern Wisconsin.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment; genetic counseling; low vision exams; immunization; blood tests available on consultant or referral basis.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling; financial assistance; other social services.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in all developmental areas.

Orientation/mobility. Home teaching and resource room programs for visually impaired/multiply disabled persons, 3-21 years.

### **Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired**

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William S. Koehler, Superintendent  
Dr. Susan Hunt, Education Director

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, orthopedically handicapped.

**Funded by:** State and federal funds.

**Budget:** \$4.1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible.

**Staff:** 95 full time, 25 part time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1849.

**Number of Clients Served:** 900.

**Eligibility:** Wisconsin resident; visually impaired; school-age referrals must be through local school district.

**Area Served:** Statewide.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21.

**Health:** Physical therapy; speech therapy. Contracts and provides consultation to other agencies for other health services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Social evaluations; psychological testing and evaluation; individual, group, family/parent, couple counseling.

Provides consultation to other agencies for other counseling/social work services, especially local school districts.

**Educational:** Grades K through 12. Programs for adult continuing education; college prep; general academic studies; vocational/skill development. Provides instructional materials and equipment to children throughout Wisconsin. Services to local school districts; Individualized Education Program (IEP) assistance.

**Preschools:** Day student enrollment only.

**Professional Training:** Internship/fieldwork placement in industrial arts; orientation/mobility; special education. Regular in-service training programs, open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Reading:** Talking book record players and cassette players; talking book records and cassettes; braille books; large-print books; braille magazines; recorded magazines; information and referral; special collection; translation to braille; tape recording services on demand.

**Residential:** Dormitories; independent living apartments.

**Rehabilitation:** Personal management; braille; handwriting; listening skills; Optacon; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; sensory training; remedial education; transition training and vocational guidance.

**Recreational:** Adult continuing education; afterschool programs; arts and crafts; hobby groups; swimming; track; wrestling; cross country skiing. Contracts for bowling.

**Employment:** Prevocational evaluation; career and skill counseling; occupational skill



development; job training and placement.

**Low Vision:** Low vision service; low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Yes.

## INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

### Center for Blind and Visually Impaired Children

5600 West Brown Deer Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53223

(414) 355-3060

FAX: (414) 355-3547

Linda Bell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Donations from foundations, civic organizations, individuals. Insurance coverage and program service fees. United Way.

**Budget:** \$463,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**Staff:** 15 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Number of Clients Served:** 60-70 annually.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; multiply disabled.

**Area Served:** Greater Milwaukee and surrounding area.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth-5 years.

### Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:

Informational meetings, parent and family support group meetings.

**Educational:** Provides early intervention, including early childhood special education, education for the visually impaired, orientation and mobility and therapies. Center-based programs. Home visits and consultation services are available.

### Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William S. Koehler, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public residential school.

**County/District Where Located:** Rock County.

**Mission:** To provide educational and related services to school age children with visual impairments.

**Budget:** \$4 million.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** Includes administrators; teachers certified in visual impairment and early childhood and dually certified teachers; various therapists; orientation/mobility and other specialists. Various therapists and specialists also available as consultants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1849.

**Number of Clients Served:** 900.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas. Home-based programs and consultant services to other programs for visually impaired children, with or without other disabilities, 0-5 years.

Program serves as resource to local education agencies statewide; numerous support and related services available through school system.

Contact local school superintendent for program availability or Andrew Papineau, State Consultant, Visually Impaired, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707 (608) 266-3522.

## STATEWIDE OUTREACH SERVICES

### Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6100

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William Anthony King,  
Coordinator

**Funded by:** State and federal monies.

**History/Date:** Est. 1858.

**Age Requirements:** 3-21 years.

**Assessment:** Assessment site determined by child's needs. Provided at no cost.

### Consultation to Public Schools:

In-service training for teachers, parent education, preschool and early childhood conferences.

**Parent Assistance:** Informational services.

**Materials Production:** Produces braille and large-print textbooks. Statewide depository for American Printing House for the Blind materials.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

### Wisconsin Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546

(608) 758-6146

FAX: (608) 758-6161

William Anthony King,  
Coordinator

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Groups Served:** 3-21 years.

**Types/Content:** Text books.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large-print books.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

813 West Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
(414) 286-3045 or toll-free in Wisconsin (800) 242-8822 or TDD (414) 278-3062  
FAX: (414) 278-2137  
E-mail: pirtle@omnifest.uwm.edu  
Marsha Valance, Regional Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Talking Book program.

**Mission:** To provide recreational reading to print-handicapped residents of Wisconsin.

**Funded by:** Public funds.

**Budget:** \$533,900.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8,000 individuals; 2,000 institutions.

**Eligibility:** Print-handicapped residents of Wisconsin.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Transportation:** N.

**Reading:** Popular titles, levels preschool-adult.

**Recreational:** Books and magazines in braille and recorded forms; audiodescribed videos.

**Computer Training:** Special needs center, with Apple and IBM-PC, Arkenstone Reader and Adaptor.

**Low Vision:** Closed-circuit television to magnify text.

Regional library lending free books and magazines in braille and recorded on disk and cassette tape as well as the special equipment and accessories to utilize the recorded materials.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Green Bay Public Schools

200 South Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
(414) 448-2000  
Surita Hall-Smith, Director  
Nancy Kraft, Resource Teacher for the Visually Impaired

**County/District Where Located:** Brown County.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious, tests, handouts.  
**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

#### Volunteer Services for the Visually Handicapped

803 West Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1436  
(414) 278-3039  
FAX: (414) 286-5450  
Carol Chew, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Primarily Wisconsin but requests are honored from across the country.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Available on computer disk.

#### Wisconsin Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546  
(608) 758-6146  
FAX: (608) 758-6161  
William Anthony King, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Groups Served:** 3-21 years.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, talking books/cassettes, large print books.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### RADIO READING

#### Education and Reading Service (EARS)

3520 30th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53144  
(414) 656-8950  
FAX: (414) 656-7264  
Peter Atkinson, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Kenosha County.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Racine and Kenosha Counties.

### INSIGHT/WYMS

5225 West Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
(414) 475-8488  
FAX: (414) 475-8413  
Russ Rapczyk, Technical Support

**Hours of Operation:** 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 5:30 PM-7:00 PM (local program); 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, 12:00 PM-10:00 PM (national network).

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Milwaukee metropolitan area.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### Prevent Blindness Wisconsin

759 North Milwaukee Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3745  
(414) 765-0505  
FAX: (414) 765-0377  
Kathleen Nelson, Executive Director



**County/District Where Located:**  
Milwaukee County.

See Prevent Blindness America in U.S. national listings.

See also in national listings:

Volunteer Braillists and Tapists

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### **Bureau for Sensory Disabilities Wisconsin Division of Supportive Living**

2917 International Lane  
P.O. Box 7852  
Madison, WI 53707-7852  
(608) 243-5622 or (608) 243-5656  
FAX: (608) 243-5680  
John Conway, Director  
Michael Nelipovich, Director,  
Office for the Blind

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:45 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 31 full time.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind; visually impaired; deaf-blind.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling; referral to community services.

#### **Professional Training:**

Internship/fieldwork placement in rehabilitation counseling and mobility.

**Rehabilitation:** Independent living; personal management; technology; braille; handwriting; listening skills; typing; video magnifier; electronic mobility aids; home management; orientation/mobility; rehabilitation teaching in client's home and community; sensory training.

**Computer Training:** Access statewide technology loan center.

For information about related services, contact Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 2917 International Lane, Madison, WI 53707, (608) 243-5600, Judy Norman-Nunnery, Administrator.

### REHABILITATION

#### **Badger Association for the Blind**

912 North Hawley Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53213  
(414) 258-9200  
FAX: (414) 256-8744  
Patrick Brown, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Room and board fees; capital income; contributions; membership dues.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 16 full time, 13 part time.  
Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1919.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000 annually.

**Eligibility:** Totally blind; legally blind; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Southeastern Wisconsin.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years or older.

**Residential:** Operates a home for the adult blind.

**Recreational:** Activity center program providing social and recreational activities for adult blind.

**Low Vision:** Sales of appliances and low vision aids.

Volunteers in Visual Assistance (VIVA) program recruits volunteers to assist visually impaired persons throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

#### **Focus for Newly Blind and Family**

P.O. Box 17575  
Milwaukee, WI 53217  
(414) 964-6661  
Gordon Haldiman, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Milwaukee County.

**Mission:** Services to newly blind adult individuals and their families.

**Funded by:** Private contributions and donations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

#### **Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Counseling available on Saturday mornings. Hotline services available. Information and referrals. Speakers service.

#### **Industries for the Blind, Inc.**

3220 West Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
(414) 933-4319  
FAX: (414) 933-4316  
Chuck Lange, president

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Milwaukee County.

**Mission:** Employ people who are totally blind; legally blind; deaf-blind; and blind with other disabilities.

**Funded by:** Workshop sales.

**Budget:** 1992: \$7.2 million.

**Staff:** 60 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Age Requirements:** Adults age 16 and older.

**Employment:** Sheltered workshop providing employment for blind and visually impaired people.

**Local Offices:**

**Jamesville:** 1713 R. West State Street, Jamesville, WI 53546, (608) 754-3208.

**Sunrise Care Center Inc.**

3540 South 43rd Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53220  
(414) 933-6977  
FAX: (414) 933-9118  
Michael J. Kern

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit; nursing home for aging and disabled persons.

**Mission:** To provide quality health care services with specialization in the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness, recognizing each person as an individual with special physical and emotional needs.

**Funded by:** Residents, families, state and federal government, donations.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Staff:** 110.

**History/Date:** Est. 1963.

**Number of Clients Served:** 99.

**Eligibility:** Blind; visually impaired. Aging sighted persons are also admitted.

**Area Served:** Primarily Milwaukee; entire state.

**Health:** Medical and therapeutic care administered by staff physicians.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals available.

**Rehabilitation:** Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

**Recreational:** Many physical activities available.

**Wisconsin Council for the Blind**

354 West Main Street

Madison, WI 53703-3115  
(608) 255-1166

FAX: (608) 255-3301

Jack Malin, Director

Marshall Flax, M.S., Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To advance the interests of the blind of Wisconsin in every way possible.

**Funded by:** Contributions from mail appeal campaign; royalties and endowment.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Eligibility:** Blind; visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Health:** Subsidizes eye research projects; gives free white canes.

**Educational:** College and vocational school scholarships.

**Reading:** Subsidizes organizations engaged in production of reading materials for blind persons.

**Residential:** Operates low-interest business and home improvement loan program.

**Rehabilitation:** Distributes on a nonprofit basis special aids, appliances, and visual aids. Rehabilitation teacher on staff for in-home visits.

**Recreational:** Subsidizes recreational projects.

**Employment:** Grants to organizations engaged in promotion of the general welfare of blind persons. Low-interest business loans.

**Low Vision:** Evaluations available by appointment. Fee charged for services; financial support available for some clients. Follow-up visits by appointment.

Service officer available to investigate cases of alleged discrimination.

**Wiscraft****Wisconsin Enterprises for the Blind**

5316 West State Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
(414) 778-5800

FAX: (414) 778-5805

John Baumgart, President

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Milwaukee County.

**Mission:** Services for totally blind, legally blind, and deaf-blind persons.

**Funded by:** Production sales revenues; private donations.

**Budget:** \$3 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Staff:** 13 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1903 as a state agency; converted to a private, non-profit organization in 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** 42.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin; especially Milwaukee metropolitan area.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years and older.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for counseling/social work services.

**Rehabilitation:** Sheltered employment. Refers for other rehabilitation services.

**Recreational:** Refers for recreation services.

**Employment:** Job retraining; sheltered workshops. Provides employment opportunities and refers for other employment services.



## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

### Computers to Help People

825 East Johnson Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
(608) 257-5917  
Carl Durocher, Instructor /  
Consultant  
John Boyer, Braille Specialist

**Computer Training:** Screen magnification, speech-output systems, systems for computers.

Assessment, consultation, set-up, and familiarization training available for DOS, Windows, Win95, and Macintosh. Low vision and blind-access strategies. Also provides a print-to-braille service.

### Milwaukee Area Technical College

700 West State Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1443  
(414) 297-6838  
FAX: (414) 297-7990  
E-mail: spcneeds@milwaukee.tec.wi.us  
Chuck Kevil, Manager

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

### Northcentral Technical College

1000 Campus Drive  
Wausau, WI 54401  
(715) 675-3331, ext. 4087  
FAX: (715) 675-9776  
E-mail: mielczarekntc@mail.northcentral.tec.wi.us  
Joe Mielczarek, Vocational Counselor / Instructor

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; braille access systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems; training for instructors.

Technology Loan Center offers equipment available to rent.

### Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped and Educational Services Center for the Visually Impaired

1700 West State Street  
Janesville, WI 53546  
(608) 758-6100  
FAX: (608) 758-6161  
Margaret Wenzel, Teacher

**Computer Training:** Speech output systems; screen magnification systems; optical character recognition systems; closed-circuit television systems; word processing; database software; computer operating systems.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology

Ten West Phillips Road  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061  
(847) 680-1666  
Richard H. Paul, Executive Director

#### Wisconsin Optometric Association, Inc.

5721 Odana Road

Madison, WI 53719  
(608) 274-4322  
FAX: (608) 274-8646  
E-mail: brownlowod@aol.com  
Charles B. Brownlow, O.D.,  
Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dane County.

## LOW VISION CENTERS

### Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

#### University Station Clinics

2880 University Avenue  
P.O. Box 5902  
Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 263-7171  
Stephen D. Kessler, O.D., Staff Optometrist

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dane County.

**Funded by:** Client fees; state funds; private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Thurs., AM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist; optometrist; optician.

**Eligibility:** Referral; ophthalmologic report.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Health:** Can provide ocular health exams by clinic ophthalmologist.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial; on-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** 1-year unlimited follow-up at no additional charge.

### Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Low Vision Services

6830 West Villard Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53218-3936  
(414) 438-4888  
FAX: (414) 438-4885  
Rodney Kossick, Low Vision Technology Specialist

**Type of Agency:** State.

**Funded by:** Federal funds; state funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
7:45 AM-4:30 PM.

**Eligibility:** State residence.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Low Vision:** Low vision assessment; services of orientation/mobility instructor available.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on loan for trial period at no charge. On-site training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Varies according to patient.

### **Veterans Administration Center**

5000 West National  
Milwaukee, WI 53295

(414) 384-1832 **DISCONNECTED**  
Leon Haith, Visual Impairment  
Team Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Milwaukee County.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Ophthalmologist;  
ophthalmology residents; social  
worker; rehabilitation teacher;  
rehabilitation counselor;  
audiologist.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually  
impaired veterans.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial purposes; on-site  
training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** When  
necessary.

### **Vision Rehabilitation Service Wisconsin Council of the Blind**

354 West Main Street  
Madison, WI 53703-3115  
(608) 255-6178

URL: <http://www.wcblind.org>  
Marshall Flax, Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-  
profit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Dane County.

**Mission:** To promote the dignity  
and independence of people in  
Wisconsin who are blind and  
visually impaired by providing  
services, advocating legislation  
and educating the general public.

**Funded by:** Client fees; private  
donations; no government  
funding.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** Low vision therapist;  
orientation and mobility specialist,  
rehabilitation teacher.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 200  
annually.

**Eligibility:** Eye report.

**Area Served:** Wisconsin.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-  
Help:** Support group references  
for visually impaired.

**Educational:** Braille instruction.

**Professional Training:**  
Internships for graduate students  
in related fields.

**Rehabilitation:** Home  
management, Braille, orientation  
and mobility, assistive devices.

**Recreational:** Subsidies, planned  
outings, activity coordination.

**Low Vision:** Services in Madison,  
and at eye care centers in southern  
and central Wisconsin.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provided on  
loan for trial, and available for sale  
on an at-cost basis.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Follow-up  
visits included.

## ◆ **Aging Services**

### **STATE UNITS ON AGING**

#### **Bureau of Aging Wisconsin Division of Community Services**

217 South Hamilton Street  
Suite 300

Madison, WI 53707

(608) 266-2536

FAX: (608) 267-3203

Donna McDowell, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies  
on Aging and information on other  
local aging services.

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

#### **Division of Supportive Living Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services**

2917 International Lane  
P.O. Box 7852

Madison, WI 53707-7852

(608) 243-5600 or Office for the  
Blind (608) 243-5656

FAX: (608) 243-5680

Gerald Born, Administrator

Michael Nelipovich, Director

Provides independent living  
services for persons age 55 and  
over. For further information,  
contact the Project Director or  
general phone number listed.



# WYOMING

## ◆ Educational Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Services for the Visually Impaired Wyoming Department of Education

2300 Capitol Avenue  
Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor  
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0050  
(307) 777-6257  
FAX: (307) 777-6234  
E-mail: jwood@educ.state.wy.us  
Janet Wood, Contact Person

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Laramie County.

**Mission:** Coordinates educational services for all visually impaired individuals in the state.

**Funded by:** State funds; P.L. 94-142 monies; and other sources.

**Staff:** Six consultants, 1 director, seven part-time secretaries.

**Area Served:** Wyoming.

**Age Requirements:** 0-adults.

**Health:** Adaptive equipment.  
**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Parent and other counseling; other social services.

**Educational:** Provides instruction in developmental areas; orientation/mobility and other instruction.

**Preschools:** Direct service, consultation.

#### Local Offices:

**Casper:** Services for Visually Impaired, 539 South Payne Avenue, Casper, WY 82609, (307) 234-9741, Paul Newman, Educational Consultant.

**Cheyenne:** Services for Visually Impaired, Hathaway Building, Room 144, Cheyenne, WY 82002, (307) 777-7274, C. Jill Mathis, Consultant.

**Powell:** Services for Visually Impaired, P.O. Box 947, Powell, WY 82435, (307) 754-2147, Gary Olson, Consultant.

**Rawlins:** Services for Visually Impaired, Carbon Building, Room 325, Rawlins, WY 82301, (307) 324-5333, Joanne Whitson, Educational Consultant.

**Riverton:** Services for Visually Impaired, 205 North Fifth East, Riverton, WY 82501, (307) 856-5652, Ron Warpness, Consultant.

**Sheridan:** Services for Visually Impaired, 2161 Coffeen Avenue, Sixth Floor, Sheridan, WY 82801, (307) 672-6129, Jerry Baker, Consultant.

For information about local services, contact the school district's special education director.

### EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATION

#### Division of Developmental Disabilities

Wyoming Department of Health  
Herschler State Office Building  
West

Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-5246

FAX: (307) 777-6047  
David Haines, Ed.D., Children's Services Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Laramie County.

Early intervention services to children from birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities. Special education and related services for children with developmental disabilities from age 3 to 5.

## ◆ Information Services

### TALKING BOOK MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS

#### Services for the Visually Impaired

#### Wyoming Department of Education

2300 Capitol Avenue  
Hathaway Building, Room 144  
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0050  
(307) 777-7274  
Jill Mathis, Contact Person

Distributor of talking book machines.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### STATE SERVICES

#### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Wyoming Department of Employment

First Floor, East Wing  
1100 Herschler Building  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7385  
FAX: (307) 777-5939  
Gary W. Child, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** State.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Laramie County.

**Funded by:** 80% federal, 20% state.

**Staff:** 70 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1920.

**Eligibility:** Physically or mentally disabled with vocational handicap.

**Area Served:** Wyoming.

**Health:** Diagnostic, medical, and surgical treatment.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling services.

**Professional Training:**  
Internships.

**Employment:** Evaluation; prevocational and vocational training; placement; vending stand business enterprise programs; follow-up.

**Computer Training:** Access; training on computer aids.

Cheyenne, WY 82001

(307) 632-8819

FAX: (307) 634-0804

Dan Lex, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Laramie County.

## REHABILITATION

### Montgomery Home for the Blind Wyoming Pioneer Home

141 Pioneer Home Drive

Thermopolis, WY 82443

(307) 864-3151

Ralph Barnes, Facility Manager

**Type of Agency:** State residential facilities for Wyoming residents.

**County/District Where Located:**

Hot Springs County.

**Funded by:** Appropriated funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

**Number of Clients Served:** 108.

**Eligibility:** Retiree; ambulatory; resident of Wyoming.

**Area Served:** Wyoming.

**Age Requirements:** 55 years and older.

**Reading:** Large type and tape books; recorders and talking book machines.

## ◆ Low Vision Services

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### Wyoming Ophthalmological Society

111 South Jefferson

Casper, WY 82601

(307) 237-2511

Matthew Taylor Dodds, M.D.,  
Executive Director

#### Wyoming Optometric Association

520 Randall Avenue

## ◆ Aging Services

### STATE UNITS ON AGING

#### Division on Aging

Hathaway Building, Room 139

Cheyenne, WY 82002-0710

(307) 777-7986 or Information &

Referral In State (800) 442-2766

FAX: (307) 777-5340

Deborah Fleming, Director

Provides referrals to Area Agencies on Aging and information on other local aging services.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

#### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

#### Wyoming Department of Employment

1100 Herschler Building

Cheyenne, WY 82002

(307) 777-7385

FAX: (307) 777-7155

Gary W. Child, Administrator

Woody Absher, Project Director,

(307) 777-7191

Provides independent living services for persons age 55 and over. For further information, contact the Project Director or general phone number listed.



# CANADA

## PROVINCIAL LISTINGS





# ALBERTA

## ◆ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Special Education Branch Alberta Department of Education

11160 Jasper Avenue  
East Devonian Building, 10th Floor  
Edmonton, AB T5K 0L2  
(403) 422-6326  
FAX: (403) 422-2039  
Dr. Harvey Finnestad, Director

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Materials Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired Alberta Education (AEEM)

12360 142nd Street N.W.  
Edmonton, AB T5L 4X9  
(403) 427-4681  
FAX: (403) 427-6683  
E-mail: [kribeiro@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:kribeiro@edc.gov.ab.ca)  
URL: <http://www.ednet.edc.gov.ab.ca/mrc>  
Kathryn Ribeiro, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Provincial government: educational.

**Mission:** Alberta Education, through the Materials Resource Centres for the Visually Impaired, loans alternate-format educational materials in braille, large print and audiotape, as well as specialized equipment and kits to Alberta schools or school jurisdictions for the use of visually impaired students in authorized educational programs, preschool through Grade 12.

**Funded by:** Alberta government.

**Budget:** 1996: \$1,030,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:15 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 18.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Number of Clients Served:** 633 registered visually impaired students in Alberta.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired students who have been assessed by educational consultants for the visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Alberta, with interlibrary loan agreements with the Canadian provincial resources center for the visually impaired.

**Age Requirements:** Students, 19 years of age and younger.

**Educational:** Supports authorized educational programs through the provision of alternate-format materials, kits, and equipment to visually impaired students and reading materials for professionals working with these students. Assists Alberta schools in the delivery of programs to print-disabled students by selling selected curriculum resources in audiotape format.

**Preschools:** Schools may borrow alternate-format materials, kits, and equipment for preschool children who are provincially funded and/or for whom individual program plans have been authorized by regional offices of education.

**Reading:** Loan and produce for loan alternate-format reading materials requested by schools and resources for professionals. Includes Braille books, large-print books and talking books.

**Recreational:** Provide recreational reading materials in special formats.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids include CCTVs, speech synthesizers, 4-

track cassette records, and talking calculators available for loan.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Library Services Alberta Community Development

10405 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7  
(403) 427-6315  
FAX: (403) 422-1105  
E-mail: [pjackson@mcd.gov.ab.ca](mailto:pjackson@mcd.gov.ab.ca)  
URL: <http://www.gov.ab.ca/dept/mcd.html>  
Punch Jackson, Manager

**Type of Agency:** Provincial service agency.

**Mission:** To facilitate the development of public library services to all eligible print handicapped persons in the province.

**Funded by:** Province of Alberta.

**Budget:** \$12.7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 10.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000-4,000 registered patrons.

**Eligibility:** Visually or physically impaired; meets eligibility criteria; registered with local library.

**Area Served:** Province of Alberta.

#### Stanley A. Milner Public Library 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Edmonton, AB T5J 2V4  
 (403) 496-1888  
 FAX: (403) 496-1885  
 E-mail: epl@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca  
 URL: <http://www.publib.edmonton.ab.ca>  
 Linda Cook, Director  
 Judy Moore, Manager, Library Access

**Type of Agency:** Library access division.

**Mission:** To respond to the information needs of people with disabilities.

**Budget:** \$308,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Eligibility:** Not restricted to legally blind persons.

**Reading:** Provides descriptive videos, talking books and large print. Volunteers available for home visits.

**Low Vision Aids:** Magnifiers, print enhancer, reading machines.

See also in national listings:

Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind

Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)

## ◆ **Rehabilitation Services**

### **PROVINCIAL SERVICES**

#### **Family and Social Services Department**

10030-107th Street  
 Seventh Street Plaza  
 Edmonton, AB T5J 3E4  
 (403) 422-1150  
 Donna Wood, Director

Administers grant and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### **REHABILITATION**

#### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind Alberta-Northwest Territories Division**

12010 Jasper Avenue  
 Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3  
 (403) 488-4871  
 FAX: (403) 482-0017  
 URL: <http://www.cnib.ca>  
 William J. McKeown, Executive Director

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

#### **District Offices:**

**Calgary:** 15 Colonel Baker Place N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 4Z3, (403) 266-8831, FAX (403) 265-5029.

**Grand Prairie:** 408, 4-9728 Montrose Avenue, Aberdeen Centre, Grand Prairie, AB T8V 5B6, (403) 539-4719, FAX (403) 539-3331.

**Lethbridge:** 1119 3rd Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 0J5, (403) 327-1044, (403) 327-1044, FAX (403) 380-2672.

**Medicine Hat:** 533 1 Street, SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0A9, (403) 527-2211, FAX (403) 526-3548.

**Red Deer:** 11 McMillan Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4N 5T6, (403) 346-0037, FAX (403) 346-0037.

**Yellowknife:** Baker Community Center, 5710 B 50th Avenue, Yellowknife, NT X1A 1G1, (403) 873-2647, FAX (403) 873-8447.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

## ◆ **Low Vision Services**

### **EYE CARE SOCIETIES**

#### **Alberta Association of Optometrists**

11830 Kingsway Avenue, #902  
 Edmonton, AB T5G 0X5  
 (403) 451-6824  
 FAX: (403) 452-9918  
 R. Glenn Campbell, Executive Director



# BRITISH COLUMBIA

## ◆ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Special Programs Branch

633 Courtney Street, Suite 201  
Victoria, BC V8V 2M4  
(250) 356-2333  
FAX: (250) 356-7631  
Dr. Shirley McBride, Director

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired Ministry of Education and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism and Human Rights

#106-1750 West 75th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2  
(604) 266-3699  
FAX: (604) 261-0778  
URL: <http://www.set.gov.bc.ca/provi>  
Fred Poon, Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Government.

**Mission:** Provides alternate format materials and specialized equipment to school districts and independent schools enrolling eligible students with a visual impairment.

**Funded by:** Government.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6 and 1 summer student worker.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** 614 visually impaired; 605 print-handicapped.

**Eligibility:** Blind and visually impaired students; print handicapped students.

**Area Served:** British Columbia.

Alternate formats include braille books, large-print books, cassettes, electronic books, kits.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### University of British Columbia Educational Psychology and Special Education

Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4  
(604) 822-5538 or (604) 822-6446  
FAX: (604) 822-3302

**County/District Where Located:** British Columbia Province.

**Programs Offered:** Programs offered: Master's degree in special education (education of children with blindness, visual impairment or visual/multiple disabilities). Graduate program for teachers of visually impaired children. Includes a component on orientation and mobility.

Students may qualify for certification in orientation and mobility. Advanced preparation in orientation and mobility offered (including mobility for young children and/or students with multiple disabilities).

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### British Columbia College and Institute Library Service for the Print Impaired

Vancouver Community College  
Langara Campus Library  
100 West 49th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 2X6  
(604) 323-5237  
FAX: (604) 323-5544  
E-mail: [cils@langara.bc.ca](mailto:cils@langara.bc.ca)  
Phyllis Mason, Janette Hellmuth

**Type of Agency:** Library; Clearinghouse.

**County/District Where Located:** British Columbia Province.

**Mission:** To provide educational materials and texts to college and institutions' students and staff who have print impairments.

**Funded by:** B.C. Ministry of Education, Skills and Training.

**Budget:** \$400,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:15 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Interlibrary loan.

**Staff:** 3.

**History/Date:** Founded 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 250.

**Eligibility:** Documented print impairment.

**Area Served:** Primarily British Columbia. Will lend worldwide.

Talking books, braille, and large print provided to clients.

#### British Columbia Library Services to the Handicapped

Lower Mainland Office  
L50-4946 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7  
(604) 660-7343  
Jim Looney

Talking books provided to clients of all ages.

**Crane Resource Centre  
University of British Columbia**

1874 East Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1  
(604) 822-6111  
FAX: (604) 822-6113  
E-mail: crane@unixg.ubc.ca or  
pthiele@unixg.ubc.ca  
Paul E. Thiele, Director

**Type of Agency:** University resource and student support centre.

**Mission:** To provide access to books, documents, adaptive technologies and electronic information to students, faculty, staff, and distance users who require alternates to print.

**Funded by:** University of British Columbia, public support, revenue services.

**Budget:** \$300,000 annually.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; some evening and Sat. hours during fall and winter academic terms.

**Staff:** 4 full time, 7 part time. 120 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1968 as reading room. Became branch of University of British Columbia libraries 1969. Became part of Student Services and UBC Disability Centre in 1995.

**Number of Clients Served:** 50-60 on campus; estimated 3-5,000 users nationally and internationally.

**Eligibility:** On-campus users: University of British Columbia students, staff, and faculty medically certified to require print alternatives. Distance users served via interlibrary/interagency loans or via other clearinghouses.

**Area Served:** University of British Columbia, Canada, and international.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Primarily academic and career counseling, advice on financial assistance, assistive devices.

**Reading:** Assistance with braille and tape speed reading, retention, and efficiency.

**Rehabilitation:** Informal and peer group rehabilitation activities.

**Computer Training:** Training on information storage, retrieval, and management on adapted computers for visually impaired persons.

**Low Vision Aids:** Several assistive devices available.

Collection includes talking books, braille, large-print, computer disks, and regular print. Maintains sizeable reference collection, a variety of adaptive technical devices, and an 8-studio recording center. New fully digital recording facility.

**Public Library InterLINK**

Suite 110  
6540 Bonsor Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5H 1H3  
(604) 437-8441  
FAX: (604) 430-8595  
Colleen Smith

**Type of Agency:** Audiobook headquarters.

**Mission:** To provide full length books on cassette to people of all ages who have a diagnosed print handicap.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-4:30 PM.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,415.

**Eligibility:** Having any print handicap (visual, physical or perceptual).

**Area Served:** Lower mainland of British Columbia.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Provided in some public libraries.

Braille, talking books, and large print provided to clients of all ages.

**MEDIA PRODUCTION  
SERVICES**

**Audiobook Program  
Province of British Columbia  
(BBLA) Library Services Branch**

L50-4946 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7  
(604) 660-7343  
FAX: (604) 660-0435  
E-mail: gyusko@hq.marh.bc.ca  
Gordon Yusko

**Area Served:** British Columbia, limited lending library to other North American locations.

**Groups Served:** Primarily adults.

**Types/Content:** Popular reading: mysteries, romances, biographies, travelogues.

**Media Formats:** 2-track audio cassettes.

See also in national listings:

**Crane Resource Centre  
University of British Columbia**

**I Can See Books**

**Ski for Light (Canada) Inc.**

**◆ Rehabilitation  
Services**

**PROVINCIAL SERVICES**

**Community Support Services  
Division**

**Ministry of Social Services**

614 Humboldt Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4  
(250) 387-1275  
Paula Grant, Director

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration



efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

## REHABILITATION

### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind British Columbia-Yukon Division**

100-5055 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC V5R 6B2  
(604) 431-2121  
FAX: (604) 431-2099  
Mary Ann Roscoe, Executive  
Director

#### **District Offices:**

**Kamloops:** 101-635 Victoria Street,  
Kamloops, BC V2C 2B3, (604) 374-  
8080, FAX (604) 374-8033.

**Kelowna:** 1450 St. Paul Street,  
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6, (604) 763-  
1191, FAX (604) 763-1129.

**Nanaimo:** 225-285 Prideaux Street,  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 2N2, (604) 753-  
0233, FAX (604) 753-0651.

**Prince George:** 100-490 Quebec  
Street, Prince George, BC V2L 5N5,  
(604) 563-1702, FAX (604) 563-1787.

**Vancouver:** 100-5055 Joyce Street,  
Vancouver, BC V5R 6B2,  
(604) 431-2121, FAX (604) 431-2199.

**Victoria:** 2340 Richmond Avenue,  
Victoria, BC V8R 4R9, (604) 595-  
1100, FAX (604) 595-1129.

See Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind, National Office, in  
Canadian national listings.

# MANITOBA

## ◆ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Special Materials Services Manitoba Department of Education and Training (MWESM)

215-1181 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3  
(204) 945-7840  
FAX: (204) 945-7914  
Judy Rannard, Coordinator of  
Services for the Visually Impaired

**Type of Agency:** Provincial  
Department of Education.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Manitoba Province.

**Mission:** Provides special format  
materials (braille, large-print and  
audio tape) and special learning  
equipment (braille, CCTVs,  
adaptive devices).

**Funded by:** Province of Manitoba.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Eligibility:** Determined by  
educational consultants employed  
by the department.

**Area Served:** Manitoba.

**Age Requirements:** Student age.  
K-Sr.4 (Grade 12).

**Educational:** Support materials  
and consultant/ itinerant teachers.

**Low Vision:** Functional vision  
assessment.

**Low Vision Aids:** CCTVs, large  
prints, on loan to school students.

Monitors the provision of  
educational services to children  
and youths who are print  
handicapped.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### Special Materials Services Manitoba Department of Education and Training (MWESM)

215-1181 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3  
(204) 945-7840  
FAX: (204) 945-7914  
Judy Rannard, Coordinator of  
Services for the Visually Impaired

**County/District Where Located:**  
Manitoba Province.

**Area Served:** Manitoba.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually  
impaired students.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and  
supplementary reading material.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-  
print, audiotope.

## ◆ Information Services

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### Manitoba Blind Sport Association

200 Main Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4M2  
(204) 925-5694  
FAX: (204) 925-5703  
Michelle Barclay

**Mission:** Provides opportunities  
for recreation and participation in  
sports activities for blind and  
visually impaired persons in the  
province of Manitoba.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Department of Family Services Community Living Division

119-114 Garry Street, Room 119  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4V4  
(204) 945-0172  
Wes Henderson, Executive  
Director, Adult Services

Administers grants and  
contributions program to help  
fund services and integration  
efforts for blind and visually  
impaired and other disabled  
persons.

#### Policy and Planning Family Services

114 Garry Street, Suite 219  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4V6  
(204) 945-2324  
Drew Perry, Director

Administers grants and  
contributions program to help  
fund services and integration  
efforts for blind and visually  
impaired and other disabled  
persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind Manitoba Division

1080 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3G 3M3  
(204) 774-5421  
FAX: (204) 775-5090  
G. Dean Cousens, Executive  
Director

#### District Offices:

**Brandon:** 354 Tenth Street,  
Brandon, MB R7A 4G1, (204) 727-  
0631, FAX (204) 727-1139.



See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

## ♦ *Low Vision Services*

### EYE CARE SOCIETIES

#### **Manitoba Association of Optometrists**

878-167 Lombard Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0V3  
(204) 943-9811  
Carol Loyd, Executive Director

# NEW BRUNSWICK

## ◆ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500

FAX: (902) 424-0543

Deborah F. Pottie, Superintendent  
P. Ann MacCuspie, Director of Services

Interprovincial agency responsible for services to visually impaired and hearing impaired children and youths in Atlantic Canada.

See listing under Nova Scotia Province for more information.

#### Student Services Branch

Kings Place  
P.O. Box 6000  
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1  
(506) 453-2816  
FAX: (506) 453-3325  
Karen Love, Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
New Brunswick.

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### New Brunswick Library Service Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing

P.O. Box 6000  
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1  
(506) 453-2354  
FAX: (506) 453-2416  
Jocelyne LeBel, Director

**Type of Agency:** Library.

#### York Regional Library Talking Book Service

4 Carleton Street  
Fredericton, NB E3B 5P4  
(506) 453-5380  
FAX: (506) 457-4878  
E-mail: libyr@gov.nb.ca  
Laurette Mackey  
Jon Sears

**Mission:** To provide books recorded on cassette tape to patrons unable to read because of physical or visual disability.

**Funded by:** Province of New Brunswick.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 186.

**Eligibility:** Physical or visual handicap. Signature of medical authority needed to register for service.

**Area Served:** York, Sunbury, Queens, Carlton, Victoria, and parts of Northumberland counties in New Brunswick.

Talking books provided for clients of all ages.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Family and Community Social Services

#### New Brunswick Department of Health and Community Services

P.O. Box 5100  
Fredericton, NB E3B 5G8  
(506) 453-2181  
Gérard Doucet, Assistant Deputy Minister

**County/District Where Located:**  
New Brunswick Province.

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind

#### New Brunswick Division

231 Saunders Street  
Fredericton, NB E3B 1N6  
(506) 458-0060  
FAX: (506) 458-9219  
Jean Ann Ledwell, Executive Director



**District Offices:**

**Bathurst:** 700 St. Peter Avenue,  
Bathurst, NB E2A 2Y7, (506) 546-  
9922, FAX (506) 546-8707.

**Moncton:** 118 Highfield Street,  
Moncton, NB E1C 5N7, (506) 857-  
4240, FAX (506) 857-3019.

**Newcastle:** 350 Morrison Lane,  
Newcastle, NB E1V 2C1,  
(506) 622-1513, FAX (506) 622-8137.

**Saint John:** 133 Prince William  
Street, Suite 306, Saint John, NB  
E2L 2B5, (506) 634-7277, FAX  
(506) 634-7202.

See Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind, National Office, in  
Canadian national listings.

# NEWFOUND- LAND

## ♦ *Educational Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### **Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education**

5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500

FAX: (902) 424-0543

E-mail: [maccuspiea@gov.ns.ca](mailto:maccuspiea@gov.ns.ca)  
Deborah F. Pottie, Superintendent  
P. Ann MacCuspie, Director of Services

Interprovincial agency responsible for services to visually impaired and hearing impaired children and youths in Atlantic Canada.

See listing under Nova Scotia Province for more information.

#### **Student Support Services Department of Education**

P.O. Box 8700

St. John's, NF A1B 4J6

(709) 729-0709

FAX: (709) 729-2096

E-mail: [bflight@edu.gov.nf.ca](mailto:bflight@edu.gov.nf.ca)

Brenda Kelleher-Flight,  
Consultant, Student Support  
Services Division

**Type of Agency:** Department of Education.

**County/District Where Located:** Newfoundland Province.

**Mission:** To provide services to children/youth with visual impairments.

**Funded by:** Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** School year.

**Program Accessibility:** To all pre-school and school-age children.

**Staff:** 14.

**Number of Clients Served:** 159.

**Eligibility:** To students with 20/70 vision or less in the better eye or vision field of 20 degrees or less.

**Area Served:** Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Preschools:** Services are offered in child's home.

10 regional board offices.

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

## ♦ *Information Services*

### LIBRARIES

#### **Newfoundland Provincial Public Libraries Board**

Arts and Culture Centre  
Allandale Road

St. John's, NF A1B 3A3

(709) 737-3966

FAX: (709) 737-3009

David Gale, Director

## ♦ *Rehabilitation Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### **Family and Rehabilitative Services**

**Department of Social Services,  
Province of Newfoundland**

Confederation Building

St. John's, NF A1B 4J6

(709) 729-2436

E-mail: [dgallant@doss.gov.nf.ca](mailto:dgallant@doss.gov.nf.ca)

URL: <http://www.gov.nf.ca/doss/progdev/famrehab.htm>  
Don Gallant, Director

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind Newfoundland and Labrador Division**

70 Boulevard

St. John's, NF A1A 1K2

(709) 754-1180

FAX: (709) 754-2018

Elizabeth Hamilton, Executive Director

#### **Regional Offices:**

**St. John's:** 70 Boulevard, St. John's, NF A1A 1K2, (709) 754-1180, FAX (709) 754-2018.

#### **Local Offices:**

**Corner Brook:** 202-10 Main Street, Corner Brook, NF A2H 1B8, (709) 639-9167, FAX (709) 639-9290.

**Grand Falls:** 1A O'Neill Avenue, P.O. Box 442, Grand Falls, NF A2A 2J8, (709) 489-6515.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.



# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

## ◆ *Educational Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Department of Education, Culture and Employment Early Childhood and School Services

P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9  
(403) 873-7678  
Barbara Hall, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Northwest Territories.

Monitors the provision of  
educational services to children  
and youths with disabilities.

## ◆ *Information Services*

### LIBRARIES

#### Northwest Territories Library Services

#### Department of Education, Culture and Employment

62 Woodland Drive  
Wright Center, Second Floor  
Hay River, NT X0E 1G1  
(403) 874-6531  
FAX: (403) 874-3321  
Suliang Feng, Librarian

## ◆ *Rehabilitation Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Stanton Regional House Board

550 Byrne Road  
P.O. Box 10  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N1  
(403) 669-4102  
FAX: (403) 669-4128  
Dennis Cleaver, CEO  
Donna Allen, Manager of  
Rehabilitation Services

### REHABILITATION

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind

#### Alberta-Northwest Territories Division

12010 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 0P3  
(403) 488-4871  
FAX: (403) 482-0017  
URL: <http://www.cnib.ca>  
William J. McKeown, Executive  
Director

See Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind, Alberta-Northwest  
Territories Division, in Alberta  
provincial listings.

# NOVA SCOTIA

## ♦ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500  
FAX: (902) 424-0543  
E-mail: maccuspiea@gov.ns.ca  
Deborah F. Pottie, Superintendent  
P. Ann MacCuspie, Director of  
Services

**Mission:** To provide services for blind, visually impaired persons in home, community, school, or residential settings.

**History/Date:** Est. 1870.

**Number of Clients Served:** 722.

**Eligibility:** Visual acuity 20/70 or less with best correction or 20 degrees less field restriction.

**Age Requirements:** 21 years and under.

**Health:** General medical services for residential students. Referrals.

**Rehabilitation:** Living skills; remedial education; braille; orientation and mobility; sensory training.

**Recreational:** After-school programs.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training in use of aids.

**Professional Training:** Internship and fieldwork placements; regular in-service training.

Interprovincial agency responsible for services to visually impaired and hearing impaired children and youths in Atlantic Canada.

#### Student Services Division Department of Education

P.O. Box 578  
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9  
(902) 424-5839 or (902) 424-7454  
FAX: (902) 424-0799  
Ann Power, Director of Student  
Services

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

### SCHOOLS

#### Sir Frederick Fraser School Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500  
FAX: (902) 424-0543  
Dr. Ann MacCuspie, Director

**Type of Agency:** Resource center and school.

**County/District Where Located:** Nova Scotia Province.

**Mission:** Services for persons who are totally blind, legally blind, visually impaired, and those having additional disabilities, provided in their home, community school, or in a residential school setting.

**Funded by:** Atlantic provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island).

**Staff:** On campus: 21 teachers; 16 residence; 10 resource services and braille production; 27 other. Off campus: 25 itinerant teachers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1870 as Halifax School for the Blind; est. 1975 as APSEA Resource Center for the Visually Impaired.

**Number of Clients Served:** On campus: 35. Off campus: 450 direct service plus resources; 370 resources only.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired, from birth to 21 years of age,

resident of Atlantic Canada. Visual acuity 20/70 or less with best correction or 20 degrees or less field restriction.

**Area Served:** Atlantic provinces in Canada.

**Age Requirements:** 0-21 years.

**Health:** Diagnosis, evaluation, medical care of eyes; general medical services; physical therapy; speech therapy; specialist medical services provided by local hospitals, physiotherapy.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling; family counseling; psychological services; transition services; school placement.

**Educational:** On campus: preschool through 9th grade; general academic; prevocational/skill development; short-term placements. Off campus: itinerant service to public school programs, transition planning facilitators.

**Preschools:** Home visits; limited support for children enrolled in preschool programs.

**Professional Training:** Student teaching in special education; internship/fieldwork placements in orientation and mobility/classrooms/residence. Regular in-service training.

**Reading:** Braille books and magazines; large-print books; talking book cassettes; video tapes; professional library; transcription to braille; tape recording.

**Residential:** Apartments.

**Rehabilitation:** Daily living skills training; braille; electronic aids; technological aids; remedial education; sensory training, orientation and mobility; counseling, resource services.

**Recreational:** Afterschool programs; arts and crafts; music; bowling; goal ball; swimming; all recreational programs available in community.



**Employment:** Limited student employment opportunities.

**Computer Training:** On- and off-campus training provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Educational vision assessments and training in the use of low vision aids.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### **Nova Scotia Provincial Library**

3770 Kempt Road  
Halifax, NS B3K 4X8  
(902) 424-2457  
FAX: (902) 424-0633  
E-mail: [admin@nshpl.library.ns.ca](mailto:admin@nshpl.library.ns.ca)  
URL: <http://www.library.ns.ca>  
Marian Pape, Provincial Librarian  
Ann Dunsworth, (902) 424-2473

**Type of Agency:** Provincial library.

**Mission:** To provide accessible reading material to Nova Scotia residents.

**Funded by:** Provincial government.

**Budget:** \$1.4 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est.1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500.

**Area Served:** Province of Nova Scotia; Canada and other countries through inter-library loan.

**Age Requirements:** None.

For more information about regional public libraries in Nova Scotia, contact the address above.

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### **Ferguson Library for Print Handicapped Students**

c/o Patrick Power Library  
Saint Mary's University  
Halifax, NS B3C 3C3  
(902) 420-5553  
FAX: (902) 420-5561

**County/District Where Located:** Nova Scotia.

**Groups Served:** Postsecondary students and professionals.

**Media Formats:** Audiotape.

#### **Resource Services Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority**

Sir Frederick Fraser School  
5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500  
Francis Drake, Coordinator of  
Resource Services

**Area Served:** Atlantic provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island).

**Groups Served:** Totally blind and low vision students aged 0-21.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-print, tape.

**See also in national listings:**

**Atlantic Provinces Special  
Education Authority**

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### **Strategic and Operational Planning and Policy Development Department of Community Services, Province of Nova Scotia**

Johnston Building, Fifth Floor  
P.O. Box 696  
Halifax, NS B3J 2T7  
(902) 424-4455  
FAX: (902) 424-0502  
E-mail: [coms.mcpheecm@gov.ns.ca](mailto:coms.mcpheecm@gov.ns.ca)  
URL: <http://www.gov.ns.ca>  
Cathy McPhee, Director

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island Division**

6136 Almon Street  
Halifax, NS B3K 1T8  
(902) 453-1480  
FAX: (902) 454-6570  
Guy M. Woodland, Executive  
Director

**District Offices:**

**Charlottetown:** 284 Graftson Street, Charlottetown, PE C1A 1L7, (902) 566-2580, FAX (902) 628-1445.

**Sydney:** 189 Townsend Street, Sydney, NS B1P 5E4, (902) 564-5711, (902) 564-9953, FAX (902) 562-9802.

**Truro:** 35 Commercial Street, Suite 316, Truro, NS B2N 3H8, (902) 893-9546, FAX (902) 893-4211.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.



# ONTARIO

## ♦ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Public Inquiries Unit Communications Branch Ministry of Education and Training

900 Bay Street  
14th Floor-Mowat Block  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2  
(416) 325-2929 or (800) 387-5512

**County/District Where Located:** Ontario.

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

### SCHOOLS

#### Hollywood Public School

360 Hollywood Avenue  
North York, ON M2N 3L4  
(416) 395-2560  
FAX: (416) 395-4485  
Ms. Linda Beemer, Primary Teacher  
Brian Smith, Teacher, Junior Grades

**Type of Agency:** Public school program.

**Mission:** To provide braille instruction on a daily basis to young visually impaired children (ages 4-11) within an integrated classroom setting.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-3:15 PM.

**Staff:** 2 teachers of the blind, 1 orientation/mobility specialist. 2 braillists/classroom assistants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Number of Clients Served:** 8-12.

**Eligibility:** Potential braille-using students from senior kindergarten to grade 5.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Toronto.

**Age Requirements:** 4-11 years.

**Educational:** Senior kindergarten to grade 5.

#### Metro Special Program (Vision) (Itinerant Program-Public and Special Schools)

Northview Annex  
550 Finch Avenue West  
North York, ON M2R 1N6  
(416) 395-2145  
FAX: (416) 395-3711  
E-mail: vis2020@torhookup.net  
Sharyn Shell, Chief Consultant

**Type of Agency:** School support service.

**Funded by:** Toronto school board.

**Hours of Operation:** School hours.

**Number of Clients Served:** 300.

**Eligibility:** Vision must be 20/70 or less.

**Age Requirements:** 21 years and under.

#### W. Ross Macdonald School

350 Brant Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9  
(519) 759-0730  
FAX: (519) 759-4741  
David Neill, Superintendent

**Type of Agency:** Public, residential school.

**Mission:** School programs, grades 1 to 12, for visually impaired and deaf-blind students. Resource services to local school boards in Ontario.

**Funded by:** Ontario Ministry of Education and Training.

**Hours of Operation:** Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** 67.5 teachers; 135 other staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1872.

**Number of Clients Served:** 185 blind pupils; 36 deaf-blind pupils.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Ontario.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** 6-21 years of age.

**Preschools:** Consulting service to preschool deafblind families.

#### Professional Training:

Responsible for teacher education in Ontario. For teachers of the blind and deafblind.

Houses the Provincial Resource Centre, which distributes audio tapes, large-print and braille educational books, provides consultant services to educators in local school board programs, and is designated as an assessment and loan center for high technology communication equipment, including computers as sight substitution aids.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### High Park Forest School Ontario Foundation for Visually Impaired Children Inc.

P.O. Box 1116  
Station D  
Toronto, ON M6P 3K2  
(416) 767-5977  
April Cornell, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Services to blind and visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Provincial government and donations.

**Age Requirements:** 2-6 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and support for parents.

**Educational:** Assessment and evaluations; activities in all areas.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTERS

#### W. Ross Macdonald School Resource Services Library

350 Brant Avenue

Brantford, ON N3T 3J9  
(519) 759-2522  
FAX: (519) 759-1036  
E-mail: 10251.2100@compuserve.com

David Neill, Superintendent  
Jane Field, Supervisor, Resource  
Services Library

**Groups Served:** Elementary,  
secondary schools in Ontario for  
print-disabled students.

**Media Formats:** Large print,  
braille, tape.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology

Brant Campuses  
411 Elgin Street  
Brantford, ON N3T 5V2  
(519) 758-6029  
FAX: (519) 758-6043  
E-mail:  
snookhm@operatns.mohawk.  
om.ca  
John Schaeffer, Chair  
Mary Maureen Snook-Hill,  
Coordinator

**Programs Offered:** Programs for  
orientation and mobility  
instructors and rehabilitation  
teachers.

## ◆ Information Services

### MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES

#### Access 20/20

21 Inverness Road  
Nepean, ON K2E 6N6  
(613) 727-9508  
Mark Joly, President

**Media Formats:** Braille, large-  
type, computer diskettes, and

braille business cards at a  
reasonable cost.

#### Computer Braille Facility University of Western Ontario

Room UCC215  
London, ON N6A 3K7  
(519) 661-3061, ext. 6844  
E-mail: kirk@braille.uwo.ca  
Kirk Reiser, Manager

**Area Served:** Ontario.

**Groups Served:** Postsecondary  
students.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks,  
foreign language books, technical  
manuals, mathematical materials.  
**Media Formats:** Braille.

#### Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library Centre for People with Disabilities

789 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4W 2G8  
(416) 393-7099 or (TTY) (416) 393-  
7100  
FAX: (416) 393-7229  
URL: <http://www.mtrtl.toronto.on.ca>  
Maureen Perez, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Metropolitan  
Toronto.

**Groups Served:** Provides talking  
book services to all eligible print  
handicapped persons in  
Metropolitan Toronto through  
public libraries. Provides a variety  
of adaptive technical devices as  
well as equipment training and  
individual assistance to clients of  
all ages to access information  
resources of this library.

**Media Formats:** Books on  
audiotape, some large print and  
braille books.

**Ontario Audio Library Service  
Trent University**  
P.O. Box 4800

Peterborough, ON K9J 7B8  
(705) 748-1240 or (705) 748-1383  
FAX: (705) 748-1564  
E-mail: kconway@trentu.ca  
Lorna Hilborn, Executive Director

**Area Served:** Primarily Ontario;  
all of Canada.

**Groups Served:** Print disabled  
postsecondary students.

**Types/Content:** Postsecondary  
educational textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Four-track audio  
tape.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### Organization for the Education of the Visually Handicapped (OEVI)

350 Brant Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9  
(519) 759-0730  
FAX: (519) 759-4741  
Don Bethune, Principal  
David Neill, Superintendent

**County/District Where Located:**  
Brant County.

**Mission:** Network of educators  
that strives to enhance professional  
activities and relationships among  
persons working with blind and  
visually impaired students and  
children in the province of Ontario.

See also in national listings:

Alternate Media Canada  
The National Broadcast Reading  
Service

Audio Vision Canada  
The National Broadcast Reading  
Service, Inc.

Canadian Association of  
Optometrists

Canadian Blind Sports  
Association



Canadian Council for Exceptional Children  
Division for the Visually Handicapped

Canadian Council of the Blind

Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
Department of Government Relations and International Services

Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
National Office

Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

CDBRA (Canadian Deaf Blind Research Association) National Office

Christian Blind Mission International

Christian Record Services

John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada

Library for the Blind  
Canadian National Institute for the Blind

Low Vision Association of Ontario

Multi-Lingual Braille and Large Print Association

PAL Reading Services

People Helping People

Retinitis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation

VEWS for the Visually Impaired

VoicePrint  
The National Broadcast Reading Service, Inc.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Developmental Services Branch Ministry of Community and Social Services

Hepburn Block, 80 Governor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1E9  
(416) 327-4962  
FAX: (416) 325-5554  
Brian Low, Director, (416) 325-5826

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### Balance

4920 Dundas Street West  
Suite 302  
Etobicoke, ON M9A 1B7  
(416) 236-1796  
FAX: (416) 236-4280  
Sue Archibald, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides a community-based program to enhance independent living skills to visually impaired adults, while they are living in their own apartment.

**Funded by:** Ministry of Community and Social Services, Government of Ontario, Canada.

**Budget:** \$375,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

**Staff:** 9 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Number of Clients Served:** 73 to date.

**Eligibility:** 18 years or over, legally blind, living in metropolitan Toronto, motivated to learn independent living skills.

**Area Served:** Metropolitan Toronto.

**Age Requirements:** 18 or over.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Will provide support to our participants to use community services.

**Educational:** Refers for educational courses.

**Rehabilitation:** Teaches orientation and mobility, daily living skills, community access and awareness, and life skills.

**Recreational:** Referrals.

**Employment:** Referrals.

**Computer Training:** Referrals.

**Low Vision:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Referrals.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Referrals.

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind Ontario Division

1929 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8  
(416) 486-2500  
FAX: (416) 480-7503  
Gary W. Magarrell, Executive Director

#### District Offices:

**Barrie:** Simcoe/Muskoka Office, 49 Mary Street, Barrie, ON L4N 1T2, (705) 728-3352, FAX (705) 722-5305.

**Belleville:** Hasting/Prince Edward Office, 11 Victoria Avenue, Belleville, ON K8N 1Z6, (613) 966-8833, FAX (613) 966-2731.

**Brantford:** 67 King Street, Brantford, ON N3T 5M8, (519) 752-6831, FAX (519) 752-4920.

**Cornwall:** Eastern Counties, 222 Pitt Street, Cornwall, ON K6J 3P6, (613) 936-2300, FAX (613) 936-2296.

**Hamilton:** Hamilton/Wentworth Office, 1686 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 1G4, (905) 528-8555 (voice/TDD), FAX (905) 527-9536.

**Kingston:** 826 Princess Street, Kingston, ON K7L 1G3, (613) 542-4975, FAX (613) 542-8639.

**London:** Southwest Office, 749 Baseline Road East, London, ON N6C 2R6, (519) 685-8420 (voice / TDD), FAX (519) 685-8419.

**Mississauga:** Halton/Peel Office 151 City Centre Drive, Suite 201, Mississauga, ON L5B 1H7, (905) 275-5332, FAX (905) 275-7710.

**North Bay:** Nipissing/Parry Sound Office, 483 Main Street West, North Bay, ON P1B 2V3, (705) 472-2710, FAX (705) 472-7269.

**Oshawa:** Dusham Office, 205 Bond Street East, Oshawa, ON L1G 1B4, (905) 436-7732, FAX (905) 436-1202.

**Ottawa:** Ottawa-Carlton and Lanark Office, 320 McLeod Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 1A3, (613) 563-4021 (voice / TDD), FAX (613) 563-1898.

**Owen Sound:** Bruce/Dufferin/Grey Office, 895 Third Avenue, East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2K6, (519) 371-2721, FAX (519) 371-2741.

**Pembroke:** Renfrew County Office, Peter White Building, Suite 2, 217 Pembroke Street East, Pembroke, ON K8A 3J8, (613) 735-1921, FAX (613) 735-7010.

**Peterborough:** Haliburton/Kawartha/Pine Ridge Office, 236 King Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 7L8, (705) 745-6918, FAX (705) 745-9899.

**Richmond Hill:** York Office, 9050 Yonge Street, Suite 102, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 9S6, (905) 731-6307, FAX (905) 731-8979.

**St. Catharines:** Niagara Office, 63 Church Street, Suite 309, St. Catharines, ON L2R 3C4, (905) 688-0022, FAX (905) 688-9674.

**Sault Ste. Marie:** Saulte-Algoma Office, 763 Wellington Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2M9, (705) 949-2610, FAX (705) 949-2291.

**Scarborough:** 1200 Markham Road, Suite 104, Scarborough, ON M1H 3C3, (416) 289-0019, FAX (416) 289-3942.

**Sudbury:** Sudbury/Manitowish Office, 303 York Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 2A5, (705) 675-2468, FAX (705) 675-6635.

**Thunder Bay:** Northwest Office, 229 Camelot Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7A 4B2, (807) 345-3341, FAX (807) 345-0786.

**Timmins:** Northern Office, 303 Fifth Avenue, Timmins, ON P4N 5L5, (705) 264-2312, FAX (705) 264-9851.

**Toronto:** Etobicoke/York Office, 1243 Islington Avenue, Suite 900, Toronto, ON M8X 1Y9, (416) 234-9795, (416) 234-9796, FAX (416) 234-8018.

**Toronto:** North/York Office, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M4G 3E8, (416) 480-7569, FAX (416) 480-7699.

**Toronto:** East York Office, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M4G 3E8, (416) 480-7426, FAX (416) 480-7699.

**Waterloo:** Waterloo/Wellington Office, 160-180 King Street South, Suite 160, Waterloo, ON N2J 1P8, (519) 742-3536, FAX (519) 742-4003.

**Windsor:** Essex/Kent Office, 230 Strabane Avenue, Windsor, ON N8Y 4V2, (519) 945-2321, FAX (519) 945-9417.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

## COMPUTER TRAINING CENTERS

**Frontier Computing**  
250 Davisville Avenue  
Suite 205

Toronto, ON M4S 1H2  
(416) 489-6690

FAX: (416) 489-6693

E-mail:

frontier@frontiercomputing.on.ca

URL: <http://www.frontiercomputing.on.ca>

Chris Chamberlin, President

Provides consultation, sales, set-up, and training on access technology as well as a braille transcription service.

## DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS

### Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind

4120 Rideau Valley Drive North  
P.O. Box 280

Manotick, ON K4M 1A3

(613) 692-7777

FAX: (613) 692-0650

Thomas Nesbitt, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions from corporations, private individuals, service clubs, and special events.

**Budget:** \$1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 23.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150.

**Eligibility:** Registered blind. All clients are interviewed in their home prior to acceptance for training.

**Area Served:** Canada.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Minimum 16 years of age.

**Educational:** Classes are held with 8 students and 2 or 3 staff members. All clients receive immediate postclass and routine



follow-up, with a minimum of one visit per year.

**Canine Vision Canada  
Lions Foundation of Canada**

P.O. Box 907  
Oakville, ON L6J 5E8  
(905) 842-2891  
Elizabeth Thompson, Executive  
Assistant

**Mission:** Trains and supplies dog guides to blind persons. Provides consultation, follow-up, and orientation and mobility training.

**Eligibility:** Canadian citizen; minimum 17 years of age.

**Area Served:** All of Canada.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 4 Doctors and staff of 3.

**Area Served:** Toronto and surrounding area.

**Low Vision:** Comprehensive services.

**Low Vision Aids:** Recommends optical and nonoptical aids.

## ◆ *Low Vision Services*

### LOW VISION CENTERS

**Centre for Sight Enhancement**

School of Optometry  
University of Waterloo  
Columbia Street West  
Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1  
(519) 888-4062  
FAX: (519) 746-2337

**Mission:** Provides comprehensive clinical services for partially sighted persons, including assessing, prescribing and providing high-technology sight enhancement systems to visually impaired Ontario residents through the Assistive Devices Program.

**Vision Institute**

16 York Mills Road  
Suite 110  
North York, ON M2P 2E5  
(416) 224-2273  
FAX: (416) 224-9234  
Dr. Mitch Samek, Executive  
Director

# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

## ◆ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) Department of Education

5940 South Street  
Halifax, NS B3H 1S6  
(902) 424-8500

Deborah F. Pottie, Superintendent  
P. Ann MacCuspie, Director of  
Services

Interprovincial agency responsible  
for services to visually impaired  
and hearing impaired children and  
youths in Atlantic Canada.

See listing under Nova Scotia  
Province for further information.

#### Eastern School District Unit

P.O. Box 8600  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 8V7  
(902) 368-6990  
FAX: (902) 368-6960  
David McCabe, Superintendent of  
Education

Monitors the provision of  
educational services to children  
and youths with disabilities.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Provincial Library

Red Head Road  
P.O. Box 7500

Morrell, PE C0A 1S0  
(902) 961-7320  
FAX: (902) 961-7322  
Albert MacDonald, Provincial  
Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Public library.

**Mission:** To provide and promote  
an effective library service that  
supports the educational,  
recreational, and informational  
needs of residents of Prince  
Edward Island.

**Funded by:** Provincial  
government.

**Budget:** \$1.684 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Main office:  
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Elevator  
for wheelchair users; large-print  
microfiche reader for visually  
impaired patrons.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
Approximately 300.

**Eligibility:** For talking books  
supplied by Canadian National  
Institute for the Blind, patrons  
must present a doctor's certificate  
verifying a visual impairment; for  
all other audio and large-print  
books, there are no eligibility  
requirements.

**Area Served:** Prince Edward  
Island.

**Educational:** Educational  
materials; workshops by  
professionals and information  
sessions by library staff.

**Reading:** Collection of large-print  
and recorded materials shared  
among branch libraries and book  
mobiles. Library has its own small  
collection; other titles are supplied  
by Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind.

Persons interested in registering  
for talking books should contact  
Confederation Centre Public  
Library, Box 7000, Charlottetown,  
PE C1A 8G8, Canada, Don Scott,  
(902) 368-4649.

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### PEI Health and Community Services

4 Sydney Street  
P.O. Box 2000  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8  
(902) 368-6579  
George O'Connor, Special  
Programs Consultant

Administers grants and  
contributions program to help  
fund services and integration  
efforts for blind and visually  
impaired and other disabled  
persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind

#### Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island Division

6136 Almon Street  
Halifax, NS B3K 1T8  
(902) 453-1480  
FAX: (902) 454-6570  
Guy M. Woodland, Executive  
Director

See Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind, Nova Scotia-Prince  
Edward Island Division, in Nova  
Scotia provincial listings.



# QUEBEC

## ♦ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Direction de l'Adaption Scolaire et des Services Complémentaires

1035, de la Chevrotière  
Edifice Marie Guyart  
Québec, PQ G1R 5A5  
(418) 646-7000  
FAX: (418) 528-2661  
Dominique Fraser

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

### SCHOOLS

#### Montreal Association for the Blind

7000 Sherbrooke Street West  
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3  
(514) 489-8201  
FAX: (514) 489-3477  
Ben Fagan, Elementary Principal

**Type of Agency:** Preschool, elementary and high school. Provides services both in agency and in public schools by itinerant teachers.

**Mission:** Offers training, education, and rehabilitation.

**Funded by:** Governments and private contributions.

**Budget:** \$1,458,894.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 24.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150.

**Eligibility:** Canadian citizens to age 21 years (also landed immigrants or special permit holders for nonCanadians).

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 21 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and psychosocial training.

**Preschools:** Birth to 5 years.

**Professional Training:** Training for itinerant teachers for high school students.

**Reading:** Braille, large print, recordings, high-tech equipment.

**Residential:** Yes, as necessary.

**Employment:** Office for training and placement.

**Computer Training:** Training and equipment provided.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Aids are provided.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Therapists and social workers maintain contact.

### INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

#### Montreal Association for the Blind

7000 Sherbrooke Street West  
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3  
(514) 489-8201  
FAX: (514) 489-3477  
E-mail: mabinfo@axess.com  
URL: <http://www.canpub.com/mab>  
Francis Rudkin, Preschool Principal

**Mission:** To offer services which will maximize the development of visually impaired children.

**Funded by:** Government grants; private donations.

**Budget:** \$6,841,837.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**Number of Clients Served:** 25-35 per year.

**Eligibility:** Blind or visually impaired.

**Area Served:** Province of Quebec.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** Birth to 5 years.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling, parent support groups.

**Educational:** Nursery school, parent/child interventions.

**Preschools:** Consultant services to community programs working with visually impaired preschoolers (nursery schools, daycares, other rehabilitation centres).

**Rehabilitation:** Orientation and mobility and other rehabilitation services as appropriate.

**Low Vision:** Pediatric low vision clinic.

**Low Vision Aids:** Provides a variety of visual aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

### UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### University of Sherbrooke Faculty of Education

University of Sherbrooke  
Sherbrooke, Quebec, PQ J1K 2R1  
(819) 821-8000, ext. 2437  
FAX: (819) 821-7950  
Jean Toupin

**County/District Where Located:** Quebec Province.

**Programs Offered:** Graduate programs for orientation and mobility instructors.

## ◆ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Direction des Bibliothèques Publiques

#### Ministère des Affaires Culturelles

225 Grand Allée Est  
Quebec, PQ G1R 5G5  
(418) 644-7206

FAX: (418) 643-4080

Michael Bonneau, Director

See also in national listings:

Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille

Regroupement des Aveugles et Amblyopes du Quebec

## ◆ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Service des Programmes aux Personnes Handicapées

#### Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux, Gouvernement du Québec

1075 Chemin Ste-Foy  
3ième étage  
Québec, PQ G1Z 2M1  
(418) 643-6407

Julien Bourgeois, Conseillère en programmation

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

#### Canadian National Institute for the Blind

#### Quebec Division

3622, rue Hochelega  
Suite 420  
Montréal, PQ H1W 1J1  
(514) 529-2040

FAX: (514) 529-4662

Ms. Penny Hartin, Executive Director

#### District Offices:

**Matane:** 235, St.-Jérôme, Bureau 209, Matane, PQ G4W 3A7, (418) 562-4255.

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, National Office, in Canadian national listings.

#### Centre Louis-Hébert

525 Boulevard Hamel Est, Aile J  
Quebec, PQ G1M 2S8  
(418) 529-6991

FAX: (418) 529-3450

Christiane Dion

**Type of Agency:** Rehabilitation center for visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** To offer adaptation/rehabilitation and social integration services to visually impaired persons, residents of Quebec province.

**Funded by:** Provincial government.

**Budget:** \$4.6 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (September to June); 8:00 AM-4:00 PM (July-August).

**Staff:** 56.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,391.

**Eligibility:** Resident of Quebec province who, after correction with appropriate ophthalmic lens, excluding special optical systems and correction superior to 4 dioptries, has a visual acuity of each eye inferior to 6/21 (20/70) or

whose visual field in each eye is inferior to 60° in the meridian 180° or 90°.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals to local centers; counseling for orientation in school and work.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Y.

**Residential:** Short-term.

**Rehabilitation:** Social and community integration; adaption to environment.

**Employment:** Works with outside agencies in job placement.

**Computer Training:** Education in special software for the visually impaired.

**Low Vision:** Clinic gives evaluations, referrals.

**Low Vision Aids:** Training in use of low vision aids.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

#### Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille

1111 St. Charles West  
Longueuil, PQ J4K 5G4  
(514) 463-1710

FAX: (514) 463-0243

E-mail: gcollard@login.net

Gabriel Collard, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Services, research, and teaching center for visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** Rehabilitation, supported by information production and dissemination services in substitute media.

**Funded by:** Government of Québec.

**Budget:** \$7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 121 people, 24 percent of whom are disabled.

**History/Date:** Result of the 1975 merger of two establishments, namely Institut Nazareth, founded in 1861, and the Institut Louis-Braille, opened in 1953 by the



Clercs de Saint-Viateur, with the support of Cardinal Léger and Mr. Jean Cypihot.

**Number of Clients Served:** 6,500.

**Eligibility:** All visually impaired individuals recognized as such according to the criteria of the Québec Health Insurance Board. These criteria include, after correction by means of appropriate ophthalmic lenses, except special optical systems and additions of more than four (4) dioptries, a visual acuity in each eye inferior to 6/21, or whose field of vision in each eye is inferior to 60° in the 180° or 90° meridian, and who in either event is unable to read, write, or negotiate unfamiliar surroundings.

**Area Served:** Part of Québec for rehabilitation services and all Canada for French braille services.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Professional Training:** Provided with the University of Sherbrooke.

**Reading:** For Grade 1 and 2 braille.

**Residential:** Short-term only.

### **Montreal Association for the Blind**

7000 Sherbrooke Street West  
Montreal, PQ H4B 1R3  
(514) 489-8201

FAX: (514) 489-3477

E-mail: mabinfo@axess.com

URL: <http://www.canpub.com/mab>

Paul Gareau, Executive Director  
Bill Rudkin, Director of Rehabilitation

**Type of Agency:** Public; non-profit.

**Mission:** To offer timely quality rehabilitation adjustment and social services to blind and visually impaired persons as well as support services to their families.

**Funded by:** Government and private donations.

**Budget:** \$6,841,837.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 136.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908.

**Number of Clients Served:** 5,000.

**Eligibility:** Visually impaired; Canadian landed immigrant or citizen or by special permit.

**Area Served:** Province of Quebec.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling available.

**Educational:** Specialized school and itinerant services.

**Reading:** Braille, large-print, recordings, high-tech aids; talking book library.

**Residential:** Seniors residence and school residential services.

**Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive program.

**Recreational:** Variety of programs.

**Employment:** Employment services.

**Computer Training:** Training for equipment provided.

**Low Vision:** Low vision clinic (multidisciplinary team, 3 optometrists).

**Low Vision Aids:** Full range of aids available; mandated centre for government aids program.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Therapists and social workers maintain contact.

### **DOG GUIDE SCHOOLS**

#### **Foundation Mira**

1820 Rang North West  
Sainte-Madeleine, PQ J0H 1S0  
(514) 795-3725

FAX: (514) 795-3789

Eric St. Pierre, General Director

**Type of Agency:** Guide dog school.

**Mission:** To provide guide dogs for blind persons.

**Funded by:** Public and corporation donations and fund-raising events.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 50.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Number of Clients Served:** 500.

**Area Served:** Canada and France.

**Age Requirements:** 15 years and younger, depending on child's maturity.

# SAS-KATCHEWAN

## ♦ Educational Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Special Education Unit Saskatchewan Education

2220 College Avenue  
Sixth Floor  
Regina, SK S4P 3V7  
(306) 787-6052  
FAX: (306) 787-2223  
E-mail: lcarlson@sasked.gov.sk.ca

Larry Carlson, Educational Consultant

**Type of Agency:** Provincial Department of Education.

**Mission:** To provide free and appropriate public education to students who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Provincial government.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 1 consultant. Students are served directly by professional and paraprofessional staff in public schools.

**Number of Clients Served:** 150.

**Area Served:** Saskatchewan - entire province.

**Age Requirements:** 3 to 21 years.

**Reading:** Special format library. 7 regional offices.

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

## ♦ Information Services

### LIBRARIES

#### Saskatchewan Provincial Library

1352 Winnipeg Street  
Regina, SK S4P 3V7  
(306) 787-2972  
FAX: Administration (306) 787-2029 or interlibrary loans (306) 787-8866  
E-mail: srp.ill@provlib.lib.sk.ca  
Maureen Woods, Provincial Librarian

**Type of Agency:** Provincial government.

**Mission:** Provides centralized library programs and services and specialized library resources for municipal and regional library systems throughout the province.

**Funded by:** Provincial government.

**Budget:** \$2.1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 37 full time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1953.

**Eligibility:** Do not serve public directly.

**Professional Training:** Provides workshops and seminars for library staff on issues pertaining to access to library services for people with disabilities.

Library services directly provided to the public at over 300 locations across the province. For names, addresses, and other information, contact the Provincial Library.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

#### Visually Impaired Persons' Action Council (VIPAC)

508 Main Street East  
Suite 204  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0C1  
(306) 242-1105  
Brenda Cooke, Co-Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit membership organization for the blind and visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** To promote the full participation and integration of blind and visually impaired persons in society and to provide support, information, and advocacy efforts.

## ♦ Rehabilitation Services

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

#### Community Living Department of Social Services

1920 Broad Street, 11th floor  
Regina, SK S4P 3V6  
(306) 787-3844  
Larry Moffat, Executive Director,  
Community Living Division  
Donna Allen, Special Assistant,  
Deputy Minister's Office,  
(306) 787-0916

**Area Served:** Western Canada.

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled adults.



**REHABILITATION****Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind****Saskatchewan Division**

2550 Broad Street

Regina, SK S4P 3Z4

(306) 525-2571

FAX: (306) 565-3300

Dennis Tottenham, Executive  
Director

**District Offices:**

**Saskatoon:** 1705 McKercher Drive,  
Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N6, (306) 374-  
4545, FAX (306) 955-6224.

See Canadian National Institute for  
the Blind, National Office, in  
Canadian national listings.

# YUKON TERRITORY

## ◆ *Educational Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

**Government of the Yukon  
Special Programs  
Department of Education**  
P.O. Box 2703  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6  
(403) 667-8000  
FAX: (403) 363-6339

**County/District Where Located:**  
Yukon Territory.

Monitors the provision of educational services to children and youths with disabilities.

## ◆ *Information Services*

### LIBRARIES

**Government of the Yukon  
Libraries and Archives Branch  
Department of Education**  
P.O. Box 2703  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6  
(403) 602-5309  
FAX: (403) 667-4253  
Linda Johnson, Director

**Type of Agency:** Public library and archives.

**Funded by:** Government funding.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Sun. 1:00 PM-9:00 PM.

**Number of Clients Served:**  
28,000.

**Area Served:** Yukon Territory.

## ◆ *Rehabilitation Services*

### PROVINCIAL SERVICES

**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Government of the Yukon**

2071 Second Avenue  
Yukon Government  
Administration Building  
P.O. Box 2703  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6  
(403) 667-3632 or (403) 667-5045  
Anne Sheffield, Director of Family and Children's Services

Administers grants and contributions program to help fund services and integration efforts for blind and visually impaired and other disabled persons.

### REHABILITATION

**Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
British Columbia-Yukon Division**  
100-5055 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC V5R 6B2  
(604) 431-2121  
FAX: (604) 431-2099  
Mary Ann Roscoe, Executive Director

See Canadian National Institute for the Blind, British Columbia-Yukon Division, in British Columbia provincial listings.



**UNITED STATES**  
**FEDERAL AGENCIES**  
**NATIONAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**NATIONAL CONSUMER**  
**AND PROFESSIONAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**





# FEDERAL AGENCIES

## ◆ *Americans with Disabilities Act Agencies*

### **Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board**

1331 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004  
ADA Information Line (800) 872-2253 (800) USA-ABLE

See Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under Other Agencies listings.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

1801 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20507  
(202) 663-4900 or TDD (202) 663-4494 or (800) 669-4000  
Discrimination Claims

See Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Other Agencies listings.

### **Federal Transit Administration**

Office of the Chief Counsel  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590  
(202) 366-4063 or TDD (202) 366-2979

See Federal Transit Administration under U.S. Department of Transportation.

### **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research**

330 C Street, S. W.  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-8134

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research funds grants to maintain Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers, whose purpose is to ensure that information and expertise are available on how to make reasonable accommodation for disabled employees in the work setting.

See National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research under U.S. Department of Education.

## ◆ *U.S. Department of Education*

### **U.S. Department of Education Office of the Secretary**

600 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 401-3000  
Richard W. Riley, Secretary

The U.S. Department of Education maintains regional offices throughout the country. The following is a list of these offices and the states covered within each federal region:

**Region I:** Post Office Square, 540 McCormack Courthouse, Boston, MA 02109-4557, (617) 223-9317.

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

**Region II:** 75 Park Place, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10007, (212) 264-7005.

New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

**Region III:** 3535 Market Street, Room 16350, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 596-1001.

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

**Region IV:** 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-6006.

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**Region V:** 401 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60605-1225, (312) 886-8215.

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

**Region VI:** 1200 Main Tower Building, Dallas, TX 75202, (214) 767-3626.

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

**Region VII:** 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64153-1367, (816) 880-4000.

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

**Region VIII:** 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204-3582, (303) 844-3544.

Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

**Region IX:** 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94102-4987, (415) 437-7520.

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, and Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

**Region X:** 915 Second Avenue,  
Seattle, WA 98174-1099, (206) 220-  
7800.

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and  
Washington.

**Assistant Secretary for Special  
Education and Rehabilitative  
Services**

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3006  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-5465  
Judith E. Heumann, Assistant  
Secretary

**Mission:** Has administrative  
supervision of Office of Special  
Education Programs,  
Rehabilitation Services  
Administration, and National  
Institute on Disability and  
Rehabilitation Research.

**Division of Blind and Visually  
Impaired**

330 C Street, S.W.  
Room 3227  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-9316

**Mission:** Develops methods,  
standards, and procedures to assist  
state agencies in the rehabilitation  
of blind persons. Administers the  
Randolph-Sheppard Act, which  
assures priority for blind persons  
in the operation of vending  
facilities on federal property.

Assists the states in developing  
programs that provide vocational  
rehabilitation services to blind  
persons to enable them to become  
self-supporting and gainfully  
employed; assists the states in  
analyzing occupations to ascertain  
their suitability for performance  
without the use of sight, and  
demonstrates to employers the  
suitability for employment of blind  
persons who are properly selected  
and adequately prepared for work;  
promotes and supports institutes

and training programs; conducts  
studies and prepares descriptions  
of occupations in which blind  
persons are or may be successfully  
engaged; prepares technical guides  
and other materials for use of staff  
members of state agencies;  
develops, in cooperation with state  
agencies, new training facilities for  
blind persons, and assists in the  
expansion of existing facilities;  
maintains continuous relationships  
with other public and private  
agencies for the blind; administers  
the grant for the Helen Keller  
National Center established to  
provide a national center and  
network for the rehabilitation of  
deaf-blind youth and adults;  
cooperates in the development of  
the Independent Living Services  
program for older blind  
individuals.

**National Council on Disability**

1331 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004  
(202) 272-2004  
Marla Bristo, Chairperson

**Mission:** Develops policy for the  
National Institute on Disability  
and Rehabilitation Research;  
advises the Commissioner of the  
Rehabilitation Services  
Administration on policy.

**National Institute on Disability  
and Rehabilitation Research**

330 C Street, S. W.  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-8134  
Katherine D. Seelman, Director

**Mission:** Administers grants and  
contracts for research and  
demonstration projects related to  
disabled persons; also administers  
research and training centers.

**Office of Special Education  
Programs**

330 C Street, S.W., Room 3086  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-5507  
Thomas Hehir, Director

**Mission:** Administers the  
Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act and related  
programs for the education of  
disabled children, including grants  
to institutions of higher learning  
and fellowships to train  
educational personnel; grants to  
states for the education of disabled  
children; research and  
demonstration projects; and  
special programs, such as centers  
and services for children who are  
deaf-blind.

**Rehabilitation Services  
Administration (RSA)**

330 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202  
(202) 205-5482  
Frederick K. Schroeder,  
Commissioner

**Mission:** Provides national  
leadership and technical guidance  
for the federal-state vocational  
rehabilitation program.  
Administers grants to the states for  
vocational rehabilitation of the  
disabled. Provides  
demonstrations, professional  
training, and independent living  
grants for disabled persons,  
including visually impaired  
persons.



## ◆ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary

200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 615F  
Washington, DC 20201  
(202) 690-7000

Donna E. Shalala, Secretary

*National Eye Institute: (301) 496-2234*

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services maintains regional offices throughout the country. The following is a list of these offices:

**Region I - Boston:** J.F. Kennedy Federal Office Building, Room 2100 Government Center, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-1500.

**Region II - New York:** Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, (212) 264-2662.

**Region III - Philadelphia:** Gateway Building, 3535 Market Street, P.O. Box 13716, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 596-6492.

**Region IV - Atlanta:** 101 Marietta Tower, Atlanta, GA 30323, (404) 331-2442.

**Region V - Chicago:** 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-5160.

**Region VI - Dallas:** 1200 Main Tower Building, Dallas, TX 75202, (214) 767-3301.

**Region VII - Kansas City:** 601 East 12th Street, Federal Building, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 426-2821.

**Region VIII - Denver:** 1961 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80294, (303) 844-3372.

### Region IX - San Francisco:

Federal Office Building, Room 431, 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 437-8500.

**Region X - Seattle:** 2201 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121, (206) 615-2010.

### Administration for Children and Families

901 D Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20447  
(202) 401-9200  
JoAnn B. Barnhurt, Assistant Secretary

**Mission:** Has administrative supervision of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation; the Administration on Aging; Administration on Developmental Disabilities; Administration for Children, Youth and Families; Administration for Native Americans; and the program under Title XX (social services) of the Social Security Act.

### Administration for Children, Youth, and Families

2026 MES  
330 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201  
(202) 205-8347  
Wade F. Horn, Commissioner

**Mission:** Advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services on department plans and programs related to early childhood development; operates the Head Start day care and other related child service programs; provides leadership, advice, and services that affect the general well-being of children and youths.

### Administration on Aging

200 Independence Avenue, S.W.

Washington, DC 20201

(202) 401-4634

Robyn Stone, Acting Assistant Secretary

**Mission:** Administers the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist states and local communities to develop programs for older persons.

### Health Care Financing Administration

200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201  
(202) 690-6726  
Bruce Vladek, Acting Administrator

**Mission:** Administers the Medicare program under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Administers grants to the states for Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for individuals who are medically indigent.

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Bureau of Health Professions

5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
(301) 443-5794  
Fitzhugh S.M. Mullen, Director

**Mission:** Through appropriated funds, supports education programs, credentialing, analysis, and development of human resources needed to staff the U.S. health care system.

### Health Services Administration Bureau for Maternal and Child Health

#### Health Care Resources Department

5600 Fishers Lane  
Room 14-95 Parklawn  
Rockville, MD 20857  
(301) 443-2170  
Audrey H. Nora, Director

**Mission:** Administers block grants to the states for maternal and child health, and crippled children's services under Title V of the Social Security Act.

### **National Center for Health Statistics**

6525 Belcrest Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
(301) 436-7016  
Edward J. Sondik, Director

**Mission:** Collects, compiles, and disseminates data related to health and vital statistics, including information on prevalence of vision defects, based on household interview surveys.

### **National Institutes of Health National Eye Institute Information Center**

9000 Rockville Pike  
Building 31, Room 6A03  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
(301) 496-2234  
Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director,  
(301) 496-2234

**Mission:** Finances and conducts research on the eye and vision disorders; supports training of eye researchers; and publishes materials on visual impairment.

### **National Institutes of Health National Institute on Aging**

9000 Rockville Pike  
Building 31, Room 5C35  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
(301) 496-0216  
Richard Hodes, Director

**Mission:** Finances intramural and extramural research on aging; supports training of researchers in aging.

### **Social Security Administration**

6401 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21235  
(410) 965-3120  
Shirley S. Chater, Commissioner

**Mission:** Administers old age, survivors, and disability insurance programs under Title II of the Social Security Act. Also administers the federal income maintenance program (Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind, and disabled) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. Maintains network of local / regional offices nationwide.

## **◆ U.S. Department of Labor**

### **U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Secretary**

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210  
(202) 219-8271  
Alexis S. Herman, Secretary

### **Employment Standards Administration National Office Program Administration**

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210  
(202) 219-4907  
Daniel Sweeney, Team Leader

**Mission:** Monitors compliance with sub-minimum wage requirements for disabled workers in sheltered workshops, competitive industry, and hospitals and institutions under Section 14(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

### **Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs**

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20210  
(202) 219-9475  
Shirley Wilcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary

**Mission:** Monitors compliance with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 providing for affirmative action in the employment of qualified disabled workers by contractors with the federal government, as well as similar provisions of law regarding disabled veterans (38 U.S.C. 2012); also investigates complaints.

### **U.S. Employment Service**

Patrick Henry Building  
601 D Street, N. W.  
Washington, DC 20213  
(202) 219-6643  
John R. Beverly, Director

**Mission:** Administers the federal-state employment service program. Has selective placement personnel in state employment service offices to serve disabled individuals.

## **◆ U.S. Department of Transportation**

### **U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary**

400 Seventh Street, S.W. #10424  
Washington, DC 20590  
(202) 366-1111  
Rodney E. Slater, Secretary

### **Federal Transit Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590  
(202) 366-4040  
Gordon J. Linton, Administrator



**Mission:** Administers federally assisted mass transit programs.

The Federal Transit

Administration maintains regional offices throughout the country. The following is a list of these offices:

**Region I:** 55 Broadway, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142, (617) 494-2055.

**Region II:** 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, (212) 264-8162.

**Region III:** 1760 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 656-6900.

**Region IV:** 100 Alabama Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-3500.

**Region V:** 55 E Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 353-2789.

**Region VI:** 524 East Lamar Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76011, (817) 860-9663.

**Region VII:** 6301 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, (816) 523-0204.

**Region VIII:** Columbine Place, Suite 650, 216 16th Street, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 844-3242.

**Region IX:** 201 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-3133.

**Region X:** 915 Second Avenue, Jackson Federal Building, Seattle, WA 98174, (206) 220-7954.

## ◆ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

#### Office of the Secretary

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 223-3775

Jesse Brown, Secretary

### Blind Rehabilitation Service

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Room 1071  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 535-7637  
Don E. Garner, Director

**Mission:** Oversees programs for blinded veterans within the Veterans Health Administration. Services offered include Visual Impairment Services Teams (VIST) assistance and Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic Programs. Visual Impairment Services Teams are diagnostic and treatment agents who provide periodic evaluations of physical, visual, hearing, and adjustment status and ongoing individualized treatment according to needs, goals, and eligibility. Their resources include health services, financial benefits, adaptive equipment, referral for comprehensive blind rehabilitation, low vision services, vocational training, and support and adjustment counseling. Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic Programs offer comprehensive rehabilitation services that encompass orientation/mobility skills; visual skills including ophthalmology, and optometry; manual skills; communication and personal management skills; physical education and recreation; avocational skills and leisure time activities; psychological counseling and social work; general medical care; audiology; education in personal health care and dietary management; family programs; community resources; and review of benefits.

Blind Rehabilitation Centers offer instruction in the use of specialized electronic travel aids and reading machines, computer access training as well as the latest technological devices. Clinic programs are designed for blinded veterans who have special

problems and/or needs in addition to blindness. Blind Rehabilitation Centers and Clinics are authorized to provide prosthetic and sensory aids to blinded veterans to assist them in overcoming blindness.

There is at least one VIST designated for each state. Blind Rehabilitation Centers are located at VA Medical Centers in: Birmingham, Alabama; Palo Alto, California; West Haven, Connecticut; Hines, Illinois; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. A center is being planned in Tucson, Arizona. Blind Rehabilitation Clinics are located at West Haven, Connecticut; Waco, Texas; and Tacoma, Washington.

See individual state listings for facilities' addresses and phone numbers.

### Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Room 520  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 273-6763

**Mission:** Furnishes compensation and pensions for disability and death to veterans and their dependents. Provides vocational rehabilitation services, including counseling, training, and assistance toward employment, to blinded veterans disabled as a result of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era; also provides rehabilitation services to certain peace-time veterans. Offers and guarantees loans for the purchase or construction of homes, farms, and businesses.

### Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 273-5781  
Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary

**Mission:** Provides hospital and outpatient treatment as well as nursing home care for eligible veterans in Veterans Administration facilities. Services elsewhere provided on a contract basis in the United States and its territories. Provides non-vocational inpatient residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blinded veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

## ◆ Other Agencies

### **Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board**

1331 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004  
(202) 272-5434  
Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director

**Mission:** Administers Section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and enforces the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, which prohibits architectural and transportation barriers to disabled persons in federally funded buildings.

### **Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped**

Crystal Square 5, Suite 1107  
1755 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202-3509  
(703) 557-1145  
Beverly L. Milkman, Executive Director

**Mission:** Administers the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (P.L. 92-28), under which the federal government purchases products and services from non-profit workshops for the blind and other

handicapped outside the competitive bidding system.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

1801 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20507  
(202) 663-4001  
Gilbert Casellas, Chairman

**Mission:** Enforces section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in federal employment, and the employment provisions of the American with Disabilities Act.

### **Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

1291 Taylor Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20542  
(202) 707-5100 or (800) 424-8567  
Frank Kurt Cylke, Director

**Mission:** Conducts national program to distribute free reading materials of a general nature—classics, current fiction, and nonfiction—to the nation's blind and physically disabled citizens who cannot utilize ordinary printed materials because of physical impairments. Provides reference information service on all aspects of blindness and other physical disabilities that affect reading. Conducts national correspondence courses to train sighted persons as braille transcribers and blind persons as braille proofreaders. With volunteer help, transcribes books into hand-copied braille, records books on magnetic tape, and repairs machines. Conducts a continuous program of testing, development, and evaluation of reading materials and related equipment.

**Eligibility:** Must be determined by competent authority.

**Reading:** Reading materials provided consist of talking books recorded on cassette tape or 33, 16, and 8 RPM disks, books in braille, and recorded and braille music. Reading materials also include approximately 70 magazines on flexible disks or in braille. Provides talking book machines and cassette machines for disk records and cassette tapes. Selects, orders, and distributes materials through a network of 160 libraries nationwide that function as circulating centers, using the mails to serve readers. Materials mailed postage free.

See individual state listings for regional libraries and distributors of talking book machines.

### **President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities**

1331 F. Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004-1107  
(202) 376-6200 or TDD (202) 376-6205  
FAX: (202) 376-6200  
Tony Coelho, Chairman  
John Lancaster, Executive Director

**Mission:** Promotes the development of maximum employment opportunities for disabled persons. Consists of volunteer members throughout the country under a volunteer chairman and a paid secretariat.

### **Small Business Administration**

409 Third Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20416  
(202) 205-6605  
Aida Alvarez, Administrator

**Mission:** Administers the Small Business Act, including small business loans to disabled individuals; maintains local offices throughout the country.



**U.S. Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division  
Coordination and Review  
Section**

10th Street and Constitution  
Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530  
(202) 514-2151

**Mission:** Coordinates the implementation by federal agencies of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in federally assisted programs and in programs and activities conducted by federal executive agencies. Also enforces pattern or practice cases or cases of general importance for Title III of the Americans With Disabilities Act on public accommodations operated by private entities.

**U.S. Office of Personnel  
Management  
Office of Human Resources and  
Equal Employment**

1900 E Street, N.W., Room 5431  
Washington, DC 20415  
(202) 606-2440  
Alicia McPhie, Equal Opportunity  
Division Chief

**Mission:** Establishes policy for employment of disabled persons within the federal service. Administers a merit system for federal employment that includes recruiting, examining, training, and promoting people on the basis of knowledge and skills, regardless of sex, race, religion, or other factors.

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

## 4-Sights Network

### Upshaw Institute for the Blind

16625 Grand River Avenue  
 Detroit, MI 48227  
 (313) 272-3900  
 FAX: (313) 272-6893  
 E-mail: upshaw@wwnet.com  
 URL: <http://www.wwnet.com/~upshaw>  
 Mary Beth Kullen, Information Systems Supervisor

**Mission:** Acts as a national computer information service designed to collect and disseminate information of interest to people who are blind or visually impaired or who provide services to people with visual impairments.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

**Age Requirements:** None.

Information about technology, education, rehabilitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, low vision, and other topics is available via computer-modem connection. The computer modem phone number is (313) 272-7111.

### American Diabetes Association National Center

1660 Duke Street  
 P.O. Box 25757  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 (800) 342-2383  
 FAX: (703) 836-7439  
 John H. Graham, IV, Chief Executive Officer

**Type of Agency:** Not-for-profit professional health organization.

**County/District Where Located:** Fairfax County.

**Mission:** Promotes knowledge of diabetes through public and professional education. Seeks to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. All services provided at the local level by over 800 chapters throughout the United States and 54 affiliates in all 50 states.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions; membership fees.

**Budget:** \$110 million.

**Staff:** 800.

**History/Date:** Est. 1940.

**Area Served:** Affiliates in all states; over 800 chapters.

**Publications:** *Diabetes Forecast*; *Diabetes*; *Clinical Diabetes*; *Diabetes Spectrum*; *Diabetes Care*; and *Diabetes Reviews*.

### American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza  
 Suite 300  
 New York, NY 10001  
 (212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463 or TDD (212) 502-7662  
 FAX: (212) 502-7777  
 E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org  
 URL: <http://www.afb.org>  
 Carl R. Augusto, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To enable people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve equality of access and opportunity that will ensure freedom of choice in their lives. AFB accomplishes this mission through agency-wide program initiatives and through the delivery of a wide variety of services and publications. Current program initiatives include efforts on behalf of literacy for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired; implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; access to information; education of children who are

blind or visually impaired and may have additional disabilities; specialized and general services; and employment and aging. Services and publications include governmental relations efforts; books, periodicals, other materials and videos for professional and consumer education; manufacture of talking books; technology evaluations; information and referral; a World Wide Web site and toll-free telephone information line; professional and consumer mentor networks; public education; social research; a professional library and archives; and consultation and training activities within and outside the blindness services field. AFB provides these services through headquarters in New York City; other offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and San Francisco; and a governmental relations office in Washington, DC.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions and endowment.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1921.

**Professional Training:** Conducts the Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Institute annually and produces a wide variety of professional training materials through AFB Press.

**Publications:** *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*; *AFB News*; regional newsletters, publications and other catalogs; *Current Projects & Activities*; and the *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada*.

See individual state listings for other offices. The AFB Governmental Relations Group may be contacted at 820 First Street, NE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20002, (202) 408-0200.



**American Society for Contemporary Ophthalmology**

4711 Golf Road  
Suite 408  
Skokie, IL 60076  
(847) 568-1500  
FAX: (847) 568-1527  
Randall Bellows, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Director

**Mission:** Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists. Maintains computerized service, EYENET, for on-line communication of eye problems and access to selected journal articles.

**Publications:** *Annals of Ophthalmology; Glaucoma; Journal of Ocular Therapy and Surgery.*

**AWARE (Associates for World Action in Rehabilitation and Education)**

P.O. Box 96  
Mohegan Lake, NY 10547  
(914) 528-0567  
FAX: (914) 528-0567  
E-mail: aware usa@aol.com  
Anne Yeadon, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Collaborates with other human service agencies to develop and coordinate cost-effective outreach strategies to identify and serve hard-to-reach individuals with severe visual impairments in the United States and in the developing world. In partnership with local organizations, develops consumer and trainer materials for serving underserved populations. Conducts evaluations and organizational analyses; develops custom rehabilitation service strategies relevant to specific populations and human service organizations.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions, endowments, and special project grants.

**Staff:** Multidisciplinary national and international team of professionals.

**History/Date:** Est. 1991.

**Area Served:** United States and overseas.

**Professional Training:** Conducts workshops and long-term programs for human service professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers.

**Publications:** *New Independence! for Older Persons with Vision Loss in Long-Term Care Facilities* (a 3-volume in-service training kit). Booklets for consumers, family, and friends.

**Better Vision Institute Vision Council of America**

1800 North Kent Street  
Suite 904  
Rosslyn, VA 22209  
(703) 243-1508  
FAX: (703) 243-1537  
Susan Burton, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Arlington County.

**Mission:** Makes public aware of need for eye care. Publishes informational material and maintains library.

**Funded by:** International Vision Expo.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

**Staff:** 8.

**Area Served:** United States; international.

**Publications:** *BVI News.*

**Blind Children's Fund**

2875 Northwind Drive  
Suite 211

East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 333-1725  
FAX: (517) 333-1730  
Sherry Raynor, President

**County/District Where Located:** Ingham County.

**Mission:** Promotes the education and welfare of preschool blind and visually impaired infants and children by developing programs and disseminating information.

**Publications:** *VIP Newsletter.*

**Blind Outdoor Leisure Development**

533 East Main Street  
Aspen, CO 81611  
(970) 925-9511  
Bill Dunaway, President  
Francesca Campione, Program Director

**Type of Agency:** Private non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides guides for blind visitors engaging in outdoor sports. Trains guides, provides insurance for participants, and encourages reduced rates for local sports activities.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**History/Date:** Founded in 1968.

**Number of Clients Served:** 90 to 150 annually.

**Eligibility:** Participants must be legally blind.

**Area Served:** Aspen.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Braille Authority of North America (BANA)**

c/o Associated Service for the Blind  
919 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 627-0600  
FAX: (215) 922-0692  
Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba,  
Chairperson

**Type of Agency:** U.S.-Canadian standard-setting organization whose member agencies strive to promulgate codes regarding the usage of braille and to encourage its use.

**Mission:** Promotes and facilitates the use, teaching, and production of braille.

**Publications:** *Annual Directory*.

**DB-LINK: The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind**

c/o Teaching Research  
Western Oregon State College  
345 North Monmouth Avenue  
Monmouth, OR 97361  
(800) 854-7013 or TDD (800) 438-9376

FAX: (503) 838-8150

E-mail: [dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu](mailto:dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu)

URL: <http://www.tr.wosc.osshe.edu/dblink/>

John Rieman, Director

**Type of Agency:** A collaborative effort of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Perkins School for the Blind, and Teaching Research.

**Mission:** To identify, coordinate and disseminate information related to children and youth who are deaf-blind.

**Funded by:** Office of Special Education Programs.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

**Delta Gamma Foundation**

3250 Riverside Drive

P.O. Box 21397

Columbus, OH 43221-0397

(614) 481-8169

FAX: (614) 481-0133

Margaret Hess Watkins, Executive Director and Director of Development

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides a means for its members to act in concert to further exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational objectives. Conducts Delta Gamma Project on Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind. Promotes local community service by members. Local services carried out through direct sponsorship or cooperation with agencies for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Voluntary donations from individuals and organized collegiate and alumnae groups of Delta Gamma.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Publications:** *Anchora of Delta Gamma; Shield*.

**Eye Bank Association of America**

1001 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Suite 601

Washington, DC 20036-5504

(202) 775-4999

FAX: (202) 429-6036

Patricia Aiken-O'Neill, President and Chief Executive Officer

**County/District Where Located:** District of Columbia.

**Mission:** Establishes medical standards for evaluating and distributing corneal transplants. Certifies eye banks and technicians entrusted with caring for donated tissue. Awards annual research grants to promote and encourage transplantation.

**Publications:** *Insight*.

**Eye Bank for Sight Restoration**

210 East 64th Street

New York, NY 10021

(212) 980-6700

FAX: (212) 319-6211

Mary Jane O'Neill, Executive Director

**Mission:** Collects and distributes healthy donated corneas for transplant, research and medical education. Maintains public education, professional education, research programs.

**Funded by:** Processing fees and general public contributions.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Office:

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Laboratory coverage: 24 hours.

**Staff:** 20 full and part-time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1944.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,300 annually.

**Eligibility:** Referral by surgeon.

**Area Served:** New York City and six adjacent counties.

**Educational:** Videos and speakers bureau.

**Professional Training:** In-service training provided to hospital staffs.

**Publications:** *Eye-to-Eye Newsletter*.

**Fight for Sight**

160 East 56th Street

Eighth Floor

New York, NY 10022

(212) 751-1118

FAX: (212) 688-9641

Mildred Weisenfeld, Executive Director

**Mission:** Funds eye research awards to accredited institutions, fellowships to students of medicine or of the basic sciences, postdoctoral research fellowships and grants-in-aid to qualified investigators.

**Funded by:** Contributions, special events, and Fight for Sight Leagues.



**Budget:** \$850,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

**Staff:** 5 full time; 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1946; under National Council to Combat Blindness, Fight for Sight Inc. 1959.

**Area Served:** United States primarily, but accepts applications for research supported from accredited medical colleges, hospitals, and eye centers throughout the world.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness (National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Inc.)**

Executive Plaza 1  
Suite 800

11350 McCormick Road  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031-1014  
(410) 785-1414 or TDD (410) 785-9687 or (888) 394-3937 or TDD (800) 683-5551

FAX: (410) 771-7470  
URL: <http://www.blindness.org>  
Jessica Beach, Outreach Program Coordinator  
Stephanie Horney, Information and Referral Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit research organization.

**Mission:** To find treatments and cures for blinding retinal degenerative diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration and Usher syndrome, and to serve as an information source for affected individuals, their families, and eye care professionals.

**Funded by:** Contributions.

**Budget:** \$9.5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** All materials are in an accessible format.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1971.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *Fighting Blindness News*, *Macular Update*.

See state listings for local affiliates.

**The Glaucoma Foundation**

33 Maiden Lane 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10038  
(212) 504-1901 or (800) 452-8266  
FAX: (212) 504-1933

E-mail: [glaucomafdn@mindspring.com](mailto:glaucomafdn@mindspring.com)

URL: <http://www.glaucoma-foundation.org/info>

John W. Corwin, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides free literature and referrals to the public, available through toll-free worldwide hotline: 1-800-GLAUCOMA. Promotes and funds research into the causes of glaucoma and potential cures for the disease, and funds public education projects to provide information about glaucoma and the importance of early detection and treatment. The Foundation also hosts an annual Scientific Think Tank which brings together leading scientists to pool their insights regarding the protection and regeneration of the optic nerve.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Budget:** \$1.1 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 4,000 calls annually on hot line.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Information and referral.

**Educational:** Public service announcements, brochures, information about glaucoma.

**Glaucoma Research Foundation**

490 Post Street

Suite 830

San Francisco, CA 94102

(415) 986-3162 or (800) 826-6693

FAX: (415) 986-3763

E-mail: [info@glaucoma.org](mailto:info@glaucoma.org)

URL: <http://www.glaucoma.org>

Tara L. Steele, Executive Director  
Brad Curnow, Information Coordinator

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To protect the sight of individuals with glaucoma through research and education.

**Funded by:** Private donations, grants.

**Budget:** \$3,000,000.

**Staff:** 13.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:**

Nationwide telephone glaucoma peer support network.

**Publications:** *Gleams Newsletter*; patient guide *Understanding & Living with Glaucoma*; fact sheets on variety of glaucoma-related issues.

See state listings for local affiliates.

**Governmental Relations Group  
American Foundation for the Blind**

820 First Street, N.E.

Suite 400

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 480-0200

FAX: (202) 289-7880

E-mail: [afb.gov@afb.org](mailto:afb.gov@afb.org)

URL: <http://www.afb.org>

See American Foundation for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

**Hadley School for the Blind**

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093  
(847) 446-8111 or (800) 323-4238  
FAX: (847) 446-9916  
Dr. Robert J. Winn, President

**Type of Agency:** International distance education school.

**Mission:** To enable blind persons at every stage of life to acquire specialized skills in order to participate successfully in the mainstream of society through home study.

**Funded by:** Contributions, endowment, and nonfederal grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Switchboard open Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1920; inc. 1922.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 11,000 annually.

**Educational:** Provides academic, personal enrichment, and compensatory/rehabilitation education and technical education through free home study courses, including braille reading and writing. Also offers courses for parents of blind children and family members of blind adults. Accredited by Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

#### **Helen Keller International**

90 Washington Street, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10006  
(212) 807-5800 *943-0890*  
John M. Palmer III, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Promotes programs in the prevention of eye disease and blindness. Assists governments and voluntary agencies in developing countries to establish and integrate services to prevent or cure eye diseases and blindness into their national health and

welfare systems and to rehabilitate and educate blind and visually impaired persons. Initiates programs for the integration of blind children and adults into community life. Trains field workers for rural areas.

**Funded by:** Voluntary contributions; bequests; grants from corporations; foundations; governmental agencies (both national and international).

**History/Date:** Est. 1915.

**Area Served:** More than 22 developing countries.

**Publications:** *Helen Keller International Newsletter.*

#### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults**

111 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050  
(516) 944-8900 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (516) 944-7302  
Joseph J. McNulty, Director, Helen Keller National Center  
Fred W. McPhilliamy, President, Helen Keller Services for the Blind

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit. Operated by Helen Keller Services for the Blind under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education.

**Mission:** To facilitate a national, coordinated effort to meet the social, rehabilitative, and independent living needs of America's deaf-blind population through demonstration of appropriate rehabilitative training techniques, methods, and technologies.

**Funded by:** Federal, state, private.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:45-4:30 PM—Training Building; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—Residence Building.

**Staff:** Approximately 120 nationwide.

**History/Date:** Est. 1969.

#### **Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 1,700 nationwide annually.

**Eligibility:** Legal blindness and deafness (a chronic hearing impairment so severe that speech cannot be understood with optimum amplification) which causes extreme difficulty in attaining independence in daily life activities. Must be 18 years of age and older.

**Area Served:** United States and territories.

**Age Requirements:** 18 years of age and up.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Professional Training:** Offers training seminars at headquarters and nationwide through a national training team.

**Residential:** At headquarters in Sands Point, NY, during training only.

**Rehabilitation:** Provides diagnostic evaluation, short-term comprehensive vocational rehabilitation, and job preparation and placement for all Americans who are deaf-blind. Local services and training are offered nationwide to these individuals, their parents and professionals in the field through HKNC's 10 regional offices, some 30 affiliated agencies, a National Training Team, Services for Older Adults, and National Technical Assistance Consortium.

**Recreational:** Available for students.

**Employment:** Job and residential placement in local community.

**Computer Training:** Available for students.

**Low Vision:** Services available for students.

**Low Vision Aids:** Services available for students.



**Publications:** *National Center News*, 3 times per year in large print and braille, free to deaf-blind readers and libraries; brochures.

**Local Offices:**

**Atlanta:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Southeastern Region Office, 1005 Virginia Avenue, Suite 104, Atlanta, GA 30354, (404) 766-9625 (voice) or (TDD) (404) 766-2820.

**Boston:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, New England Region Office, 313 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02158, (617) 630-1580 (voice/TDD).

**Chicago:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, North Central Region Office, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 726-2090 (voice/TDD).

**Dallas:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, South Central Region Office, 4455 LBJ Freeway, LB#3, Dallas, TX 75244-5998, (214) 490-9677 (voice/TDD).

**Lakewood:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Rocky Mountain Region Office, 1880 South Pierce Street, Lakewood, CO 80232, (303) 934-8637 (voice/TDD).

**Mission:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Great Plains Region Office, 4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Mission, KS 66205, (913) 677-4562 (voice/TDD).

**Riverdale:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, East Central Region Office, 6801 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 699-2255 (voice) or (TDD) (301) 699-8490.

**Sands Point:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Mid-Atlantic Region Office, 111 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050, (516) 944-8900 (voice/TDD).

**Seattle:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Northwestern Region Office, 2366 East Lake Avenue East, Suite 209, Seattle, WA 98102-3366, (206) 324-9120 (voice/TDD).

**Van Nuys:** Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Southwest Region Office, 6851 Lennox Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91405-4097, (818) 782-9935 or TDD (818) 782-9936.

**Hilton/Perkins Program  
Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 972-7220  
FAX: (617) 923-8076  
Michael T. Collins, Director

**Mission:** Improves the quality of life for underserved, multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children and their families through collaborative efforts with local, regional and national organizations. Determines program needs and provides direct and support services to children, their families, and professionals in the U.S. and developing countries around the world. Encourages persons with visual impairments and their families to participate more actively in program planning and development. Provides leadership and advocacy for programs for multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children.

**Funded by:** Conrad N. Hilton Foundation of Reno, Nevada.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1989.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Educational:** Works with direct-service providing organizations worldwide to establish new or improved services to multiply disabled children and their families.

**Preschools:** Works with agencies worldwide to create new services for multiply disabled blind or deaf-blind infants and toddlers and their families.

**Professional Training:** Provides preservice and in-service training for teachers of multiply disabled blind and deaf-blind children and for administrators of school and agency programs. Collaborates with colleges, universities, and agencies worldwide to create new training programs for teachers of children who are multiply disabled, blind or deaf-blind.

**Publications:** Develops and disseminates training materials and curricula for professionals and families.

**International Society on  
Metabolic Eye Disease**

1125 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
(212) 427-1246  
FAX: (212) 360-7009  
Heskel M. Haddad, M.D.,  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Organization of ophthalmologists, pediatricians, endocrinologists, internists, and paramedical personnel.

**Mission:** Promotes the study of metabolic eye problems and related biochemical and genetic aspects.

**History/Date:** Est. 1973.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600.

**Eligibility:** All ophthalmologists.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Publications:** *Metabolic Pediatric & Systemic Ophthalmology*.

**IN TOUCH Networks**

15 West 65th Street  
 New York, NY 10023  
 (212) 769-6270  
 FAX: (212) 769-6266  
 E-mail: bemass@aol.com  
 Bruce Massis, General Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Maintains volunteer service that allows blind or physically impaired people to listen to readings of articles from more than 100 newspapers and magazines via closed circuit and cable radio. Broadcasts are nationally accessible via satellite.

**Funded by:** Contributions from foundations, corporations, individuals.

**Budget:** \$450,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours / day.

**Program Accessibility:** Special receiver of FM cable radio required.

**Staff:** 9.

**History/Date:** Est. 1974.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Accessible to 11 million households in the United States and Canada and Virgin Islands.

**Eligibility:** Inability to read standard print.

**Area Served:** Mainland United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

**Publications:** *Annual Program Guide to In Touch Networks* (in large-print or audio cassette).

**Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology**

2025 Woodlane Drive  
 St. Paul, MN 55125-2995  
 (612) 731-2944 or (800) 284-3937  
 FAX: (612) 731-0410  
 E-mail: jcahpo@jcahpo.org  
 URL: <http://www.jcahpo.org>  
 M. Edward Wilson Jr. M.D.,  
 Chairman

**Mission:** Serves to enhance the quality and availability of ophthalmic patient care by providing continuing education and certification.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Publications:** *Outlook*; newsletter. Criteria booklets also available, including subspecialty certification in Assisting in Low Vision.

**Joslin Diabetes Center**

One Joslin Place  
 Boston, MA 02215  
 (617) 732-2400  
 Kenneth Quicquel, M.D., President

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Investigates new clinical treatment methods for diabetes. Supports camps for diabetic children. Conducts professional education courses.

**Publications:** *Joslin Magazine*.

**Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

5097 North Elston Avenue  
 Chicago, IL 60630  
 (773) 205-3838  
 Blair Mayford, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Cook County.

**Mission:** Provides funding for eye treatment, surgery, and hospitalization for needy persons.

**Funded by:** Support from Knights Templar members.

**The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street  
 New York, NY 10022  
 (212) 821-9200 or (800) 334-5497 or  
 TDD (212) 821-9713  
 FAX: (212) 821-9705  
 Barbara Silverstone, DSW,  
 President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** To overcome vision impairment for people of all ages through worldwide leadership in rehabilitation services, education, research, and advocacy.

Undertakes regional, national, and international programs to enable people who are blind or have partial sight to lead independent lives. Maintains The Lighthouse Center for Education, which is composed of The Lighthouse Continuing Education Program, The Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Child Development, The Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Aging, and The Lighthouse International Center on Low Vision. The Arlene R. Gordon Research Institute conducts vision, research. Also conducts scientific inquiry into the physical, functional, and psychosocial consequences of vision impairment and maintains a toll-free information and resource service.

**Funded by:** Fees, government and private grants, product sales, investment income, contributions.

**Professional Training:** Offers continuing education courses and seminars on low vision care and vision rehabilitation course work for rehabilitation professionals, social workers, architects, interior designers, nursing home administrators and staff, career, and employment specialists. Also offers educational programs for consumers.

**Publications:** *Lighthouse News*; *Aging and Vision News*; *Envision* and *Sharing Solutions* newsletters.

**Lions Clubs International**

300 22nd Street



Oak Brook, IL 60521  
 (630) 571-5466  
 FAX: (630) 571-8890  
 Mark C. Lukas, Executive  
 Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Administrative headquarters serving over 43,000 Lions Clubs throughout the world.

**County/District Where Located:** DuPage County.

**Mission:** Provides community service and promotes better international relations. Has major service interests relating to visually impaired persons. In 1990, announced Sightfirst Program to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness worldwide. Service projects include Lions eye bank programs in which Lions enlist eye donor pledges and serve as a clearinghouse to provide ophthalmologists with corneal tissue for transplant and research. Programs to foster detection, education, and awareness of diabetes are also conducted. Clubs provide glaucoma and other vision testing screenings; sponsor rehabilitation programs for newly blind persons; provide aids and devices for visually impaired persons; make computer training available through individual Lions-supported and vocational facilities; and finance subscriptions to *Juvenile Braille Monthly Magazine*.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Publications:** *Lion Magazine*.

### **March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation**

1275 Mamaroneck Avenue

White Plains, NY 10605  
 (914) 428-7100  
 FAX: (914) 997-4763  
 E-mail: resourcecenter@modimes.org  
 URL: <http://www.modimes.org>  
 Dr. Jennifer Howse, President

**County/District Where Located:** Westchester County.

**Mission:** To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortalities through research, community services, education and advocacy.

**Publications:** Wide variety of materials relating to maternal and infant health. Also publishes professional educational material for nurses.

For information on local offices, call toll-free 888-MODIMES.

### **Myasthenia Gravis Foundation**

222 South Riverside Plaza  
 Suite 1540  
 Chicago, IL 60606  
 (800) 541-5454 or (312) 258-0522  
 URL: <http://www.med.unc.edu/mgfa/>  
 Anna El-Qudsi, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Promotes detection, treatment, and cure of myasthenia gravis. Conducts professional and public education, scientific symposia. Has 40 chapters nationwide.

**Budget:** \$300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 20.

**History/Date:** Est. 1952.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30,000.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *MG Newsletter*.

### **Myopia International Research Foundation**

1265 Broadway, Room 608  
 New York, NY 10001  
 (212) 684-2777  
 Sylvia N. Rachlin, President

**Mission:** Promotes research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of progressive myopia. Launched the Myopia International Research Network to promote worldwide coordinated scientific research on myopia by doctors.

### **National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped**

15 East 40th Street, Suite 1004  
 New York, NY 10016  
 (212) 683-5068  
 FAX: (212) 683-4475  
 E-mail: 104257.60@compuserve.com  
 Ruth Westman, Executive Director

**Mission:** Administers program of standards development and accreditation for programs, agencies and schools serving children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Publishes standards available in print, braille, cassette tape, and disk.

**Funded by:** Individual contributions, grants from corporations and foundations, and dues from accredited members, sponsors, and supporters.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

### **National Association for Visually Handicapped**

22 West 21st Street  
 New York, NY 10010  
 (212) 889-3141  
 FAX: (212) 727-2951  
 Lorraine H. Marchi, Founder /  
 Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Health.

**Mission:** To provide services, solely for the benefit of the partially seeing, which include counseling in the testing and use of visual aids; supplying kits of information to low vision persons, their families, friends and professionals who serve them; providing large-print publications and a large-print loan library, by mail; furnishing large-print standards to publishers, corporations, and public agencies; offering one to one emotional and peer support sessions; participating in and sponsoring educational outreach programs for laypersons and professionals in the field of low vision.

**Funded by:** Contributions and membership dues.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**History/Date:** Est. 1954 and Inc. 1959.

**Number of Clients Served:** 111,000.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada primarily, with information, literature, large-print books, and visual aids supplied internationally as well. Maintains office in San Francisco serving 13 western states.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and guidance to partially seeing adults, including parents of low vision children, their families, friends, and professionals who serve them.

**Educational:** Conducts adult discussion groups, and seminars for professionals in the low vision field.

**Preschools:** Serves parents and teaching professionals.

**Professional Training:** Educates the professional and paraprofessional working with the

partially seeing about the nature of partial vision and the special needs of the partially seeing.

**Reading:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Conducts rehabilitation, recreational, social, and educational programs for partially seeing adults.

**Recreational:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Y.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Publications:** *In Focus* (children); *Seeing Clearly* (adults).

#### **Local Offices:**

**San Francisco:** National Association for Visually Handicapped, 3201 Balboa Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, (415) 221-3201.

#### **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging**

1112 16th Street, N.W.  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 296-8130  
FAX: (202) 296-8134  
E-mail: jjfn4a@erols.com  
Janice Fiegner, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** District of Columbia.

**Mission:** Advocates at the national level for the needs of older persons. Disseminates information to the federal government, other national organizations, and the public.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Publications:** *Directory of State and Area Agencies on Aging* (annual).

#### **National Association of Radio Reading Services**

1430 Confederate Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201  
(800) 280-5325  
FAX: (803) 734-7885  
Beth Jones, President

**Type of Agency:** Professional organization.

**Mission:** Promotes radio reading services. Has closed circuit radio broadcasts of daily newspapers plus other materials.

**Funded by:** Membership.

**History/Date:** Est. 1977.

**Professional Training:** Holds an annual conference with workshops to train staff and volunteers of new and established radio reading services.

**Publications:** *Hearsay Newsletter*; *Directory of Radio Reading Services*.

#### **National Association of State Units on Aging**

1225 I Street, N.W.  
Suite 725  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 898-2578  
FAX: (202) 898-2583  
E-mail: staff@nasua.org  
Daniel A. Quirk, Executive Director

**Mission:** Provides information on state services to older persons and advocates for legislation and funding for such services.

**Staff:** 14.

**History/Date:** Est. 1966.

#### **National Birth Defects Center**

40 Second Avenue,  
Suite 460  
Waltham, MA 02154  
(617) 466-9555  
FAX: (617) 487-2361  
Caroline Hobbs, Administrative Director

**Type of Agency:** Nonprofit clinic. Evaluates, treats, and provides follow-up to children with birth defects and mental retardation.



**County/District Where Located:**

Suffolk County.

**Funded by:** Genesis Fund.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.

8:30 AM-5:00 PM; on call off hours.

**Staff:** Pediatric-geneticists, physicians assistant, genetic fellow, genetic counselor.

Pregnancy environmental hot line staff and administrative staff.

**History/Date:** Est. 1984.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000 patient visits per year.

**Eligibility:** Children with birth defects and their parents.

**Area Served:** Primarily New England but patients are seen from all over the United States.

**Age Requirements:** Most patients are under 18.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** Genetic counseling; access to other counseling services.

Satellite clinics in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

**National Camps for Blind Children**

4444 South 52nd Street

Lincoln, NE 68506

(402) 488-0981

FAX: (402) 488-7582

Tom Lowe, Director

Art Grayman, Director

Peggy Hansen, Secretary

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Operates summer camps for blind and visually impaired children and adults.

**Funded by:** Donations; contributions.

**Staff:** Full-time counselors, nurse, food service personnel.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Eligibility:** Legally or totally blind.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Age Requirements:** 9 years-adult.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-**

**Help:** CRS (Christian Record Services) representatives available for assistance and counseling.

**Recreational:** Biking, water skiing, hiking, crafts, horseback riding, beeper baseball, archery, swimming, tandem bicycling.

**Publications:** *Campfire Light*.

**National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind**

Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02158-2597

(617) 969-6200 or (800) 852-3131

FAX: (617) 969-6204

E-mail: carrollb@tiac.net

URL: [http://www.tiac.net/](http://www.tiac.net/users/carrollb)

users/carrollb

Rachel Rosenbaum, President

**County/District Where Located:**

Middlesex County.

**Mission:** Serves as an advocate concerning issues that relate to programs, operations, and funding affecting voluntary agencies serving blind and visually impaired persons. Acts as a unified voice in negotiating with federal and state agencies about fees and other matters concerning private agencies.

**National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC\*TAS)**

Frank Porter Graham Child

Development Center

University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill

Nations Bank Plaza

137 East Franklin Street, Suite 500

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 962-2001

FAX: (919) 966-7463

URL: <http://www.nectas.unc.edu>

Pascal Trohanis, Director

**County/District Where Located:**

Orange County.

**Mission:**

Provides technical assistance to four primary target populations—Part H staff, Interagency Coordinating Council members, Part B—Section 619 staff, and Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities project staff—as well as to various secondary populations to assist them in developing and providing multidisciplinary, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and coordinated services for young children with special needs (birth through 8 years of age) and their families. Also strives to link the target populations to facilitate the exchange of information about models of service delivery and best practices.

**Funded by:** Federal funds.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Publications:** Publications list available.

**National Easter Seals Society**

230 W. Monroe

Suite 1800

Chicago, IL 60606-4802

(312) 726-6200

FAX: (312) 726-1494

E-mail: [nessinfo@seals.com](mailto:nessinfo@seals.com)

James E. Williams, Jr., President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.

8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 1 million annually.

**Eligibility:** Varies site to site, program to program.

**Publications:** *Rehabilitation Literature*.

**National Eye Care Project (NECP)**

P.O. Box 429098

San Francisco, CA 94102-9098

(800) 222-3937

FAX: (415) 561-8567

Tom Juring, Manager

**Mission:** To provide eye care to the elderly poor.

**Funded by:** Grants, donations.

**History/Date:** Est. 1986.

**Health:** Medical and surgical eye care.

**Educational:** Can provide literature on eye diseases and procedures.

**Low Vision:** Literature and resource list available.

### **National Eye Research Foundation (Optometry)**

910 Skokie Boulevard

Suite 207A

Northbrook, IL 60062

(847) 564-4652

FAX: (847) 564-0807

E-mail: nerf1955@aol.com

URL: <http://www.eyemac.com/nerf>

Andrew K. Kim, Co-President.

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** Cook County.

**Mission:** Promotes educational and informational services for doctors and the public.

**Funded by:** Memberships, donations.

**Budget:** \$300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 5.

**History/Date:** Est. 1955.

**Number of Clients Served:** 400.

**Health:** Refers for social evaluation/psychological testing and evaluation, school/training placement, nursing homes, community services.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Refers for counseling.

**Educational:** Referral for appropriate level.

**Professional Training:** In-service programs, open enrollment from other agencies (doctors of

optometry, optometric and ophthalmic assistants).

**Rehabilitation:** Refers for daily living skills; offers a full-service clinic.

**Recreational:** Refers for continuing education, arts/crafts, hobby groups, camps.

**Employment:** Refers for prevocational evaluation, career/skill counseling, occupational development, vocational training, placement.

**Publications:** *Global Contacto*, *Pinnacle*.

**Research:** Support of clinical research projects.

### **National Glaucoma Research Program of the American Health Assistance Foundation**

15825 Shady Grove Road

Suite 140

Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 948-3244

Eugene H. Michaels, President

**County/District Where Located:** Montgomery County.

**Mission:** Supports glaucoma research. Maintains programs within the foundation: National Heart Foundation, National Glaucoma Research, Alzheimer's Disease Research and Alzheimer's Family Relief Program.

### **National Industries for the Blind**

1901 North Beauregard Street  
Suite 200

Alexandria, VA 22311-1727

(703) 998-0770

FAX: (703) 820-7816

E-mail: nibva@aol.com

URL: <http://www.nib.org>

Judith Moore, President

**Mission:** To enhance opportunities for economic and personal independence for persons who are blind through creating, sustaining and improving

employment. Allocates among qualified industries for blind persons purchase orders of the federal government for approved goods and services as designed by the President's Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped.

Coordinates the production of 106 industries in 36 states. Researches and recommends new products, prices, and price revisions to the President's Committee. Devises quality control systems, provides management and engineering services to increase plant efficiency and broaden production opportunities for people who are blind.

**Funded by:** Commission fees paid by the associated industries for the blind.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 105.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1938.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Professional Training:** Conducts management and technical training programs for personnel from NIB - associated industries.

**Publications:** *Opportunity*; *Annual Report*.

### **National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities**

P.O. Box 1492

Washington, DC 20013-1492

(202) 884-8200 or TDD (800) 695-0285

FAX: (202) 884-8441

Susan Ripley, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**County/District Where Located:** District of Columbia.

**Mission:** Acts as a national information clearinghouse on subjects relating to children and youths with disabilities.



**Funded by:** Contracts with the U.S. Department of Education.  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.  
**Area Served:** United States.

### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**

733 Third Avenue  
 New York, NY 10017  
 (212) 986-3240 or (800) 344-4867  
 FAX: (212) 986-7981  
 E-mail: nat@nmss.org  
 URL: <http://www.nmss.org>  
 Michael J. Dugan, President and Chief Executive Officer

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Sponsors research; provides information and education, recreational counseling, and therapeutic services.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Budget:** \$89 million.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1946.

**Number of Clients Served:** Information Resource Center serves 2,300,000 people annually.  
**Area Served:** United States.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Referrals to services at local chapters.

**Educational:** Informational materials about multiple sclerosis and related issues.

**Rehabilitation:** Referral to local chapters.

**Recreational:** Referral to local chapters.

**Employment:** Referral to local chapters.

**Computer Training:** Referral to local chapters.

**Low Vision:** Information and referral to low vision agencies.

**Publications:** *Inside MS* (members only); Additional list of publications available on request.

144 chapters and branches throughout the United States.

### **National Self-Help Clearinghouse**

25 West 43rd Street, Room 620  
 New York, NY 10036  
 (212) 354-8525  
 FAX: (212) 642-1956  
 URL: <http://www.selfhelpweb.org>  
 Audrey Gartner, Director

**Type of Agency:** Information and referral.

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Trains leaders of self-help groups; publishes and distributes pamphlets on how to start self-help groups; conducts research on the effectiveness of self-help groups; sponsors conferences; provides information and referral.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Publications:** Publishes newsletter, *Self-Help Reporter*, four times a year.

### **New Eyes for the Needy**

549 Millburn Avenue  
 P.O. Box 332  
 Short Hills, NJ 07078  
 (201) 376-4903  
 Joyce Wiggin, Office Manager

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides eyeglasses for those who cannot afford to buy them.

**Funded by:** Donations.

**Budget:** \$231,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 noon.

**Staff:** 3 part time; 200 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1932.

**Number of Clients Served:** Approximately 3,500.

**Eligibility:** Medically indigent. Letter to referral from social service agency, with copy of prescription.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** Newsletter.

### **NTAC (National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind)**

#### **Teaching Research Division**

Western Oregon State College  
 345 North Monmouth Avenue  
 Monmouth, OR 97361  
 (503) 838-8391 or TDD (503) 838-9623

FAX: (503) 838-8150

E-mail: [ntac@fstr.wosc.osshe.edu](mailto:ntac@fstr.wosc.osshe.edu)

URL: <http://www.tr.wosc.osshe.edu/ntac>  
 Bruce A. Dalke, Director,  
 (503) 838-8807

Kathy McNulty, Area Director,  
 (516) 944-8900

Janet Stevely, Area Director,  
 (516) 944-8900

**Mission:** Provides technical assistance to families and agencies serving children and young adults who are deaf-blind. Primary mission is to (a) assist states in improving the quality of services for the deaf-blind; and (b) to increase the numbers of people who will benefit from these services.

### **Orbis International**

330 West 42nd Street, Suite 1900

New York, NY 10036  
(212) 244-2525  
FAX: (212) 244-2744  
Pina Taormira, President and  
Executive Director

**Mission:** Combats eye disease by sending ophthalmologists to foreign countries to train and educate eye personnel via Orbis Flying Hospital, a specially equipped airplane.

**Publications:** *Orbis Observer Newsletter*.

**Overbrook International  
Overbrook School for the Blind**

6333 Malvern Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151  
(215) 878-8700  
FAX: (215) 878-8886  
E-mail: larry@obs.org  
Lawrence F. Campbell,  
Administrator, International  
Program

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** The International Program provides training in computer technology and ESL to blind youth (16-21 years of age) with leadership potential and to educators of the visually impaired to promote the more widespread use of access technologies in education and employment. The Program also provides outreach services in selected regions of the world and works in collaboration with other international organizations to accomplish this objective.

**Funded by:** Endowments, contributions, tuition.

**History/Date:** Est. 1985.

**Number of Clients Served:** 20 foreign students and teachers annually (approximate).

**Area Served:** All countries are eligible for participation.

**Prevent Blindness America**

500 East Remington Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
(847) 843-2020 or (800) 221-3004 or  
(800) 331-2020 PBA Center for  
Sight  
FAX: (847) 843-8458  
E-mail: preventblindness  
@compuserve.com  
URL: <http://www.prevent-blindness.org>  
Richard Hellner, President and  
CEO

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Through state affiliates, conducts a program of public and professional education, research, and industrial and community services to prevent blindness. Services include promotion and support of local glaucoma and preschool vision screening programs, industrial eye safety, collection of statistical and other data on nature and extent of causes of blindness and defective vision, support groups, and improvement of environmental conditions affecting eye health in schools and colleges. Supports research on eye diseases in laboratories and medical schools. Conducts public and professional education programs including publications, films, exhibits, and conferences. Maintains the PBA Fight for Sight research division, and the PBA Center for Sight toll-free information line, and information center.

**Funded by:** Contributions, Federal Service Campaign, and endowment.

**Budget:** \$20 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30AM - 5:00PM.

**Staff:** 30.

**History/Date:** Est. 1908 and Inc. 1918.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *Prevent Blindness News; Sightsaving.*

See state listing for local affiliates.

**Research to Prevent Blindness**

645 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022-1010  
(212) 752-4333 or (800) 621-0026  
Toll-free  
FAX: (212) 688-6231  
David F. Weeks, President

**Type of Agency:** Voluntary health agency.

**Mission:** Supports clinical and basic eye research into causes, treatment, and prevention of all eye diseases through annual financial grants to more than 55 U. S. medical institutions and through awards, professorships, and fellowships to selected vision scientists. Stimulates growth of modern eye research facilities by underwriting major laboratory construction programs. Assists departments of ophthalmology in the development and improvement of advances in technological equipment for eye research, diagnosis, and therapy. Provides incentives to attract scientists to eye research and serves as a medium for the exchange of scientific information. Provides a voice for eye research among the nation's health interests. The Board of Trustees plans programs with the advice of a permanent scientific advisory panel drawn from many scientific disciplines and an ad hoc committee of ophthalmic investigators. Provides information on eye research to the public, press, and other institutions.

**Funded by:** Contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00AM-5:00PM.



**Staff:** 11 full time. Uses volunteers.  
**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1960.  
**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *Progress Report Newsletter; Biennial Eye Research Seminar Papers; Eye Research News Briefs.*

### **Schepens Eye Research Institute**

20 Stanford Street  
 Boston, MA 02114  
 (617) 742-3140  
 Christie Whitcomb, Assistant for Trustee Affairs

**County/District Where Located:** Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Pursues research activities and fields relating to the retina, vitreous, and cornea, with strong collaboration between clinic and laboratory studies in the fields of retinal and corneal diseases. Dedicated to research that improves the understanding, management and prevention of eye diseases and visual deficiencies.

**Funded by:** U.S. government, foundations, private agencies, and individuals.

**History/Date:** Est. 1950. Formerly called the Retina Foundation.

**Publications:** *Sundial Newsletter.*

### **Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute Rehabilitation Engineering Center**

2232 Webster Street

San Francisco, CA 94115  
 (415) 561-1619 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650) or (415) 561-1620  
 FAX: (415) 581-1610  
 E-mail: [lerc@skivs.ski.org](mailto:lerc@skivs.ski.org)  
 URL: <http://www.ski.org/lerc>  
 John Brabyn, Director  
 Deborah Gilden, Associate Director  
 William Gerrey, Vocational Devices Manager

**Mission:** Conducts rehabilitation engineering research and development in orientation/mobility, low vision, vocational educational, recreational, and deaf-blind aids. Can provide expert consultation on specialized jobsite adaptations.

**Funded by:** Federal and private grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Eligibility:** Blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind.

**Area Served:** National.

**Publications:** Publishes a variety of materials on technical issues, including the *Smith-Kettlewell Technical File*, a technical journal for the blind and visually impaired.

### **Taping for the Blind**

3935 Essex Lane  
 Houston, TX 77027  
 (713) 622-2767  
 FAX: (713) 622-2772  
 E-mail: [102677.2656@compuserve.com](mailto:102677.2656@compuserve.com)  
 Beth O'Callaghan, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To provide audio versions of written materials for all persons whose reading ability is impaired, in order to expand their access to printed information.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Budget:** \$200,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** 4 full time and more than 200 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1967.

**Eligibility:** Print handicapped.

**Area Served:** Radio reading service. 33 neighboring counties. Special request service. National.

**Educational:** Request, will record textbooks on audio cassette.

**Reading:** On request, will record any printed material not available on tape elsewhere. A 24 hour/day radio reading service of local and national publications, books, newspapers, and other materials.

**Low Vision:** Audio description of local theater productions, museum exhibits, rodeos, IMAX, and large theater films, etc.

**Publications:** *Open Mike* news letter.

### **United Cerebral Palsy**

1660 L Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 (800) 872-5827  
 FAX: (202) 776-0414  
 Michael Morris, Executive Director

**Mission:** To advocate for individuals with cerebral palsy and their families; and to provide these individuals with lifelong opportunities and choices that promote their independence, inclusion and quality of life.

**United States Braille Chess Foundation**

428 West Lima Street

Findlay, OH 45840

(419) 422-2833

Richard McShaw, President

**Mission:** Popularizes chess for blind persons. Sponsors tournaments.

**Publications:** *Newsletter* (on cassette).



# MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

## Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America

2915 34th Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20008

(202) 298-8151

FAX: (202) 298-8151

Robert Humphreys, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Coalition of public and private organizations of and for the blind to advance services and the rights of blind and visually impaired people.

**Mission:** Advocates for improvement of the social and economic conditions of the blind and visually impaired.

## American Academy of Ophthalmology

655 Beach Street

P.O. Box 7424

San Francisco, CA 94120-7424

(415) 561-8500

Davis J. Noonan, Deputy Executive Vice President

**Mission:** Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists and quality care in ophthalmology. Publishes informational material for professionals and the public. Sponsors the National Eye Care Project to give free eye care to the elderly.

**Publications:** *Argus Newsletter*; *Ophthalmology*; *Biographical Directory of AAO*.

## American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

P.O. Box 193832

San Francisco, CA 94119-3832

(415) 561-8505

FAX: (415) 561-8575

Denise DeLosada, Services Coordinator

**Mission:** Advances quality eye care for children through educational training programs for pediatric ophthalmologists. Sets ethical standards of practice and informs professionals of latest developments in the field. Conducts research programs.

**Publications:** *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*.

## American Association for the Deaf-Blind

814 Thayer Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 588-6545

FAX: (301) 588-8705

E-mail: aadb@erols.com

Joy Larson

**Type of Agency:** Membership association.

**Mission:** Provides information and technical assistance to deaf-blind persons, families, educators, and service providers; holds an annual convention; has network of chapters around the country.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1937.

**Number of Clients Served:** 600 members.

**Area Served:** National.

**Publications:** Quarterly magazine, *Deaf-Blind American*.

## American Association of Certified Orthoptists

Eye Clinic

Shands Hospital

Gainesville, FL 32610

(352) 392-3111

Diana Shamisin, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Alachua County.

**Mission:** Promotes education, training, and placement of orthoptists. Maintains library in Georgia relating to treatment of defects in binocular function and low visual acuity.

**Publications:** *Prism*; *American Orthoptic Journal*.

## American Association of Retired Persons Disability Initiative

601 E Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20049

(202) 434-2477 or TDD (202) 434-6554

FAX: (202) 434-6499

Carmel Cang, Disability Initiative Director

**Type of Agency:** Consumer.

**County/District Where Located:** District of Columbia.

**Mission:** Serves its membership of midlife and older Americans by offering a range of community services and educational programs, including technical assistance on legal issues, insurance, and a wide variety of consumer products and services and information dissemination on consumer issues, health and disability issues, and advocacy.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

**Staff:** Approximately 2,000.

**Number of Clients Served:** 33 million members.

**Publications:** Publishes a wide range of public education and consumer materials as well as *Modern Maturity* and *the Bulletin*.

## American Blind Bowling Association

315 North Main

Houston, PA 15342

(412) 745-5986

Ron Marcuse, Secretary/Treasurer

**County/District Where Located:** Washington County.

**Mission:** Promotes bowling for blind people. Sanctions leagues and sponsors tournaments.

**Publications:** *The Blind Bowler*. 3 times yearly (Oct., Jan., April).

### **American Blind Lawyers Association**

P.O. Box 1590  
Indianola, MS 38751  
(601) 887-5398  
Gary Austin, President

**County/District Where Located:** Sunflower County.

**Mission:** Addresses special problems of blind people in the legal profession. Promotes production of braille or recorded law materials and maintains an index of these materials.

### **American Blind Skiing Foundation**

610 South William Street  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
(847) 255-1739  
Sam Skobel, Executive Director

**Mission:** Volunteers teach skiing and hold races.

**Area Served:** Chicago and its suburbs; nationwide for information.

**Educational:** Skiing instruction.

**Recreational:** Skiing and other activities.

### **American Council on the Blind**

1155 15th Street, N.W.  
Suite 720  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666  
FAX: (202) 467-5085  
E-mail: ncrabb@access.digex.net  
URL: <http://www.acb.org>  
Oral O. Miller, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Affiliation of individual members and occupational, special interest, and state groups.

**Mission:** Promotes effective participation of blind people in all aspects of society. Acts as national information clearinghouse. Provides information and referral; legal assistance and representation; scholarships; leadership and legislative training; consumer advocate support; assistance in technological research; speaker referral service; consultative and advisory services to individuals, organizations, and agencies; and program development assistance. Maintains offices across the United States.

**Funded by:** Contributions and membership fees.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

#### **Program Accessibility:**

Accommodation for physically disabled individuals.

**Staff:** 15 in national office.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1961.

**Number of Clients Served:** 40,000 annually.

**Area Served:** United States and its territories.

**Publications:** *The Braille Forum* (braille, large print, cassette, and computer disk).

### **American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)**

Department of Special Education  
University of Utah  
221 Milton Bennion Hall  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112  
(801) 585-5659  
FAX: (801) 585-7291  
E-mail: acres@gse.utah.edu  
Joan Sebastian, Coordinator  
M. Winston Egan, Coordinator

**Mission:** Improves direct services to rural agencies and individuals that serve disabled persons and

increases educational opportunities for rural handicapped and gifted students. Serves as advocate for rural special education at federal, state, regional, and local levels; distributes information on rural special education needs; conducts task forces on rural problems and professional training; maintains resource linkage system.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM-5:00PM.

**Publications:** *Rural Special Education Quarterly*; *Ruralink* (newsletter).

### **American Optometric Association**

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
(314) 991-4100  
FAX: (314) 991-4101  
Jeff Mays, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

**Mission:** Improves the quality of vision care through promoting high standards, continuing education, information dissemination, and professional involvement. Conducts conferences; operates placement service; maintains optometric museum and library; also maintains Virginia office.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Publications:** *AOA News*; *Journal of the American Optometric Association*.

Maintains low vision section, consisting of optometric practitioners in low vision field provides continuing education for low vision optometricists. Referral source for low vision professionals in optometry.



**American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery**

4000 Legato Road  
Suite 850  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
(703) 591-2220  
FAX: (703) 591-0614  
David A. Karcher, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit medical association.

**Mission:** Promotes continuing education for ophthalmologists doing cataract and refraction surgery. Informs public about intraocular implantation. Conducts research.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 23.

**Publications:** *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*; *Administrative Eye Care*; monthly Washington newsletter.

**American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses**

P.O. Box 193030  
San Francisco, CA 94119  
(415) 561-8513  
FAX: (415) 561-8575  
Carol Ruehl, President  
Sue Brown, Administrator.

**Mission:** Advances quality eye nursing care through continuing education, certification, research, and administration.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Eligibility:** Must be a registered nurse.

**Area Served:** International.

**Publications:** *Insight, The Journal of the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses*.

**Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

4600 Duke Street, Suite 430  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
(703) 823-9690  
FAX: (703) 823-9695  
E-mail: aernet@laser.net  
Kathleen Megivern, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

**Mission:** To render all possible support and assistance to professionals who work with blind and visually impaired persons of all ages. Offers conferences, workshops, publications and other professional development opportunities; certifies teachers; advocates for public policies which benefit blind and visually impaired persons and the professionals who work with them.

**Publications:** *AER Report*; *Job Exchange Monthly*; *RE: View*.

**Association for Macular Diseases**

210 East 64th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 605-3719  
Nikolai Stevenson, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides information and education. Maintains support group for persons with macular degeneration. Funds eye bank devoted to research on macular degeneration.

**Funded by:** Membership dues; contributions.

**Staff:** Volunteer.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Number of Clients Served:** Over 6,000 members.

**Eligibility:** Services restricted to current members.

**Area Served:** International.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Individual counseling by phone and mail.

**Publications:** *Eyes Only*.

**The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)**

29 West Susquehanna Avenue  
Suite 210  
Baltimore, MD 21204  
(410) 828-8274  
FAX: (410) 828-6706  
E-mail: nweiss@tash.org  
Nancy Weiss, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit membership organization.

**Mission:** To actively promote the full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life.

**Funded by:** Membership dues.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM - 12 noon and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1975.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Publications:** Monthly newsletter, quarterly journal, and special publications of interest disseminated through *Tash Publication List*.

Contact central office for listing of chapters in local areas.

**Association of Junior Leagues**

660 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 683-1515  
FAX: (212) 481-7196  
Holly Sloan, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** New York County.

**Mission:** Serves in an advisory and coordinating capacity to 293 Junior Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, London, and Mexico City. Through many Junior Leagues, volunteers are provided to organizations for the

blind; to educational and informational community projects focused on the prevention of blindness; and to community rehabilitation programs for blind persons.

### **Association of Visual Science Librarians**

c/o Indiana School of Optometry  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
(812) 855-8629  
FAX: (812) 855-6616  
Douglas Freeman, President

**Mission:** Promotes information services in ophthalmology and optometry. Conducts institutes, workshops, and training courses for professional personnel. Provides legislative consultation.

### **Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)**

P.O. Box 21192  
Columbus, OH 43221  
(614) 488-4972 (voice/TDD)  
FAX: (614) 488-1174  
E-mail: ahead@postbox.acs.ohio.state.edu  
URL: <http://www.ahead.org>  
Ed Suddath, Executive President  
Stephan Smith, Operations

**County/District Where Located:** Franklin County.

**Mission:** Provides leadership, focus, and expertise for professionals. Committed to promoting full participation of individuals with disabilities in postsecondary education and to upgrading quality of services available. Provides workshops, training programs, publications, conferences. Has special interest group for blindness; visual impairment.

**Publications:** *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*; *ALERT Newsletter*, BVI

*News (Blindness and Visual Impairment News).*

### **Blinded Veterans Association**

477 H. Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001-2694  
(202) 371-8880 or (800) 669-7079  
FAX: (202) 371-8258  
Tom Miller, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Veterans service organization.

**Mission:** Encourages and assists all blinded veterans to take advantage of rehabilitation and vocational training benefits, job placement assistance, and other aid from federal, state, and local resources by means of a field service program. Promotes extension of sound legislation and rehabilitation through liaison with other agencies. Through 48 regional groups and field service offices, operates volunteer service program for blinded veterans in their communities and provides information and referral services.

**Funded by:** Contributions, membership dues.

**Budget:** \$1.7 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 15.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** 2,000 yearly.

**Eligibility:** Any blind or legally blind veteran.

**Area Served:** United States and its territories.

**Age Requirements:** 17 years and over.

**Educational:** Public education and publications program.

**Publications:** *BVA Bulletin* (published six times per year and sent free in large print to all blinded veterans known in U.S.).

### **Local Offices:**

**Region I:** VA Regional Office, 1200 Main Street, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-2565, (800) 669-7079, Stephen Mathews.

**Region II:** Blinded Veterans Association, VA Regional Office, 1120 Vermont Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20421, (202) 418-4267, (800) 669-7079.

**Region III:** VA Regional Office, Room 645, 730 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30308, (404) 347-3760, (800) 669-7079, Norman Jones.

**Region IV:** 536 South Clark Street, Room 478, P.O. Box 8136, M/P 80, Chicago, IL 60680, (312) 353-1740, (800) 669-7079, Robert Del Malak.

**Region V:** VA Regional Office, P.O. Box 25126, 155 Van Gordon, Denver, CO 80225, (303) 914-5831, (800) 669-7079, Peter Link.

**Region VI:** VA Outpatient Clinic, 4600 Broadway, Room 188, Sacramento, CA 95820, (916) 731-7329, (800) 669-7079, Lazaro Martinez, Jr.

### **Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists**

523 Decatur Street, Suite#1  
New Orleans, LA 70130-1027  
(504) 581-4000  
FAX: (504) 581-5884  
John S. Massare, MSC, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Orleans Parish.

**Mission:** Disseminates information on ophthalmology. Addresses problems related to contact lenses.

**Publications:** *CLAO: Journal of the Contact Lens Association*; also: "CONTACT LENSES: The CLAO To Basic Science and Clinical Practice" (book) and "CLAO Pocket Guide" (book).



**Council for Exceptional Children**

1920 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 20191-1589  
(703) 620-3660 or (800) 328-0272  
FAX: (703) 264-9494  
Dr. Nancy Safer, Executive  
Director

**Type of Agency:** Joint United States-Canadian membership organization.

**County/District Where Located:** Fairfax County.

**Mission:** Strives to improve educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. Accomplishes its worldwide mission on behalf of special educators and others working with children with exceptionalities by advocating for appropriate government policies; setting professional standards; providing continuing professional development; and assisting professionals to obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

**Budget:** \$6 million.

**History/Date:** Est. 1922.

**Council of Citizens with Low Vision International**

c/o American Council of the Blind  
1155 15th Street N.W., Suite 720  
Washington, DC 20005  
(800) 733-2258  
FAX: (317) 251-6588

**Mission:** Promotes rights of partially sighted individuals to maximize use of their residual vision. Educates the public to the needs of the visually impaired. Informs persons with low vision of available services. Support groups and chapters throughout the United States.

**Funded by:** Membership dues and donations; publication subscriptions.

**Budget:** \$50,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Messages can be left 24 hours a day.

**Staff:** All volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1978.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Peer support and advocacy.  
**Educational:** Scholarship programs.

**Rehabilitation:** Referral to appropriate sources.

**Publications:** *The New Vision Access*.

**Council of Families with Visual Impairment**

c/o American Council of the Blind  
1155 15th Street, N.W., Suite 720  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 393-3666 or (202) 467-5081  
FAX: (202) 467-5085  
URL: <http://www.acb.org>  
Roy Ward, Director

**Type of Agency:** Support group of parents of blind and visually impaired children.

**Publications:** *Reflections Newsletter*.

**Council of Schools for the Blind**

c/o St. Joseph's School for the Blind  
253 Baldwin Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
(201) 653-0578  
FAX: (201) 653-4087  
Herbert Miller, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Organization of chief executive officers of residential schools for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and Canada.

**Mission:** Serves as an information clearinghouse and advocate for areas of interest relating to residential schools for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Guide Dog Users**

14311 Astrodome Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20906  
(310) 598-2131  
E-mail: [jcsheehan@smart.net](mailto:jcsheehan@smart.net)  
Jenine Stanley, President

**Type of Agency:** Support group.

**Mission:** Education and advocacy for guide dog users.

**Funded by:** Dues, donations and product sales.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Independent Visually Impaired Enterprises**

c/o American Council of the Blind  
1155 15th Street N.W.  
Suite 720  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 467-5081 or (800) 424-8666  
Carla Hayes, President

**Mission:** Promotes small business opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons. Affiliated with American Council of the Blind.

**Laurence-Moon Bardet-Biedl Syndrome Self-Help Support Network**

c/o The Foundation Fighting Blindness  
Executive Plaza, Suite 800, 11350  
McCormick Road  
Hunt Valley, MD 21031-1014  
(410) 785-1414 or (800) 683-5555  
FAX: (410) 771-9470  
Jessica Beach, Outreach  
Coordinator

**Mission:** To discover the causes, treatments, preventions and cures for retinal degenerative diseases.

**Funded by:** Private donations.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:30AM-5:00PM.

**Staff:** 40.

**History/Date:** Est. 1971.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Provides support to individuals and families affected by LMBB Syndrome.  
**Publications:** *LMBBS Newsletter*.

**National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired**

P.O. Box 317  
 Watertown, MA 02272-0317  
 (800) 562-6265  
 FAX: (617) 972-7444  
 Susan E. Laventure, Executive Director  
 Kevin O'Connor, President

**Type of Agency:** Organization for parents and agencies.

**Mission:** Provides support to parents and families of visually impaired children and youths. Operates national clearinghouse for information, education, and referral. Fosters communication among federal, state, and local agencies that provide services or funding for services to visually impaired children and youths. Promotes public understanding of the needs and rights of visually impaired children and youths; supports state and local parents groups and workshops that educate and train parents in service potential and their children's rights.

**Funded by:** Private grants.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Publications:** *Awareness* (newsletter).

**National Association of Blind Teachers**

c/o American Council of the Blind  
 1155 15th Street, N.W., Suite 720  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 (202) 467-5081  
 FAX: (202) 467-5085  
 URL: <http://www.acb.org>  
 Patty Slaby, President

**Mission:** Supports blind teachers in addressing problems involved in the performance of their professional duties. Promotes employment. Disseminates information.

**Publications:** *Work Center Memo; Newsletter; Work Center Directory*.

**National Association of State Directors of Special Education**

1800 Diagonal Road  
 Suite 320  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 (703) 519-3800  
 FAX: (703) 519-3808  
 Martha Fields, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Professional society to improve educational opportunities of exceptional children.

**County/District Where Located:** Fairfax County.

**Budget:** \$2 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 20.

**History/Date:** Est. 1938.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.

**Publications:** *SpecialNet* electronic communications network and numerous bulletin boards.

**National Association of Vision Professionals**

1775 Church Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 (202) 234-1010  
 FAX: (202) 234-1020  
 Arnold Simonse, Executive Secretary

**Type of Agency:** Association of persons working in vision screening and eye health education.

**Mission:** Promotes intercommunication among vision professionals conducting programs in organizations.

Promotes professional standards. Certifies vision screening personnel.

**Funded by:** Dues.

**Budget:** \$25,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon. - Fri.  
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Staff:** 1.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness**

175 North Beacon Street  
 Watertown, MA 02172  
 (617) 972-7347  
 FAX: (617) 923-8076  
 Steven Davies, Executive Secretary  
 Michael Collins, Chairperson  
 Joseph McNulty, Co-Chairperson

**Type of Agency:** Private; non-profit.

**Mission:** Advocates on behalf of the interests of deaf-blind children and adults via maintaining contact with legislators and policymaking agencies. The coalition is comprised of national organizations that have an interest in services to deaf-blind people, and individual members including professionals, parents, and consumers interested in influencing such services.

**Funded by:** Membership dues.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1987.

**Area Served:** National.

**Publications:** Legislative updates sent to membership as necessary.

**National Council of State Agencies for the Blind**

1213 29th Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20007  
 (202) 298-8468  
 FAX: (202) 333-5881  
 Charles Crawford, President



**County/District Where Located:**  
District of Columbia.

**Mission:** Promotes communication among agencies involved in preventing blindness and offering services to severely visually impaired individuals.

### **National Federation of the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
FAX: (410) 685-5653  
URL: <http://www.hfb.org>  
Marc Maurer, President

**Mission:** Works to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons. Provides evaluations of present programs and assistance in establishing new ones. Grants scholarships to blind persons. Has a public education program including speakers' bureau. Has several special interest divisions, including those for diabetics, educators, lawyers, parents of blind children, students, and public employees. Has affiliates in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**Funded by:** Contributions.

**History/Date:** Est. 1940 and Inc. 1949.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *The Braille Monitor*; *Future Reflections* (for parents of blind children); *Voice of the Diabetic*.

### **National Marfan Foundation**

382 Main Street  
Port Washington, NY 11050  
(516) 883-8712 or (800) 862-7326  
Carolyn Levering, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Nassau County.

**Mission:** Disseminates information about Marfan syndrome and related connective

tissue disorders to patients, family members, and physicians; provides means for patients and relatives to share experiences and support; fosters research and public education.

**Funded by:** Members.

**Budget:** \$300,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM-3:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 full time, 2 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1981.

**Number of Clients Served:** 13,000 on mailing list.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help.

**Educational:** Current informational materials on Marfan syndrome available on request; annual conference sponsored.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** A variety of publications and educational materials, including *A Bibliography of the Marfan Syndrome and Associated Disorders*, *The Marfan Syndrome*, and *NMF Fact Sheet*.

### **National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH)**

1530 Locust Street, #29  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-4415  
(215) 545-2322 or (800) 473-2310  
E-mail: [noah@albinism.org](mailto:noah@albinism.org)  
URL: <http://www.albinism.org>  
Charla McMillan, President

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit consumer organization; self-help group.

**Mission:** Provides information on albinism and hypopigmentation; provides peer support; sponsors conferences on the subject; publishes a newsletter regularly. Has network of state chapters. Founding-member of Albinism World Alliance.

**Funded by:** Membership dues, contributions, and grants.

**Budget:** 1996: \$21,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 24-hour voice mail.

**Program Accessibility:** All print materials provided in 14-point type.

**Staff:** No paid staff. Operated by members on a volunteer basis.

**History/Date:** Est. 1982.

**Number of Clients Served:** 850 members. Local chapters in 28 states and 1 province in Canada.

**Eligibility:** Persons with albinism, their families, friends, and the professionals working with them.

**Area Served:** Primarily United States, but no restrictions.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Self-help groups.

**Low Vision:** Informational bulletin on low vision.

**Low Vision Aids:** Information is available.

**Publications:** Informational bulletins and newsletters.

### **Opticians Association of America**

10341 Democracy Lane  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 691-8355  
FAX: (703) 691-3929  
Paul Houghland, Jr., C.A.E.,  
Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Private, nonprofit.

**County/District Where Located:**  
Fairfax County.

**Mission:** Strives to advance the science of prescribing and grinding corrective lenses and optical instruments; disseminates information about the field.

**Staff:** 20.

**Publications:** *Dispensing Optician*.

**Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America**

1901 Commercial Drive  
Suite 7  
Harvey, LA 70058-2300  
(504) 347-5299  
FAX: (504) 347-5152  
Ray Washburn, President  
Kim Tromatroe, Office Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Jefferson Parrish.

**Mission:** Promotes education and legislation to improve vending facility programs for blind persons.

**Funded by:** Membership.

**Staff:** Board of Directors.

**Number of Clients Served:**

Approximately 3,000 nationwide.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** *Vendorscope*.

**RESNA**

1700 North Moore Street  
Suite 1540  
Arlington, VA 22209-1903  
(703) 524-6686 or TDD (703) 524-6639  
FAX: (703) 524-6630  
URL: <http://www.resna.org/resna/reshome.htm>  
Nashiydah Anderson, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Serves as an information center to address research, and the development, dissemination, integration, and utilization of knowledge in rehabilitation and assistive technology.

**Hours of Operation:** 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Program Accessibility:** Fully accessible.

**Area Served:** United States/International.

**Publications:** List available on request.

**United States Association for Blind Athletes**

33 North Institute Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 630-0422  
FAX: (719) 630-0616  
E-mail: [usaba@usa.net](mailto:usaba@usa.net)  
Charlie Huebner, Executive Director  
Mark Lucas, Assistant Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Promotes sports involvement for people who are blind or visually impaired.

**Funded by:** Membership, foundation grants, corporate gifts, contributions.

**Budget:** \$750,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 3-full time. Uses volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1976.

**Number of Clients Served:** 3,000.

**Eligibility:** Legally blind.

**Area Served:** National. Has representatives in each state.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Professional Training:** Regular in-service training; short-term or summer training; open to enrollment from other agencies.

**Recreational:** Training camps and competitions in the following sports: swimming; track & field; wrestling; gymnastics; goal ball; skiing; skating; power lifting; judo, tandem cycling.

**Publications:** Quarterly newsletters; *Visions*.

**United States Blind Golfers Association**

3094 Shamrock Street N.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
(904) 893-4511  
URL: <http://www.midnightgolf/delphi.com>  
Bob Andrews, President

**Mission:** To help blind persons return to or learn to play golf.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Sat.  
9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1953.

**Eligibility:** Must be totally blind to play in national championship, but membership open to all visually impaired persons.

**Area Served:** Nationwide.



**CANADA**  
**FEDERAL AGENCIES**  
**NATIONAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**NATIONAL CONSUMER**  
**AND PROFESSIONAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

<p>1. Name of the person</p> <p>2. Address</p> <p>3. City</p> <p>4. State</p> <p>5. Zip</p>	<p>6. Date of birth</p> <p>7. Sex</p> <p>8. Race</p> <p>9. Religion</p> <p>10. Education</p>	<p>11. Occupation</p> <p>12. Income</p> <p>13. Assets</p> <p>14. Liabilities</p> <p>15. Net worth</p>
<p>16. Marital status</p> <p>17. Number of children</p> <p>18. Name of children</p> <p>19. Date of marriage</p> <p>20. Date of divorce</p>	<p>21. Social Security Number</p> <p>22. Driver's License Number</p> <p>23. Vehicle Identification Number</p> <p>24. Insurance Policy Number</p> <p>25. Health Insurance Policy Number</p>	<p>26. Bank Account Number</p> <p>27. Credit Card Number</p> <p>28. Mortgage Number</p> <p>29. Rental Agreement Number</p> <p>30. Lease Agreement Number</p>
<p>31. Current Residence</p> <p>32. Previous Residence</p> <p>33. Date of move</p> <p>34. Reason for move</p> <p>35. Current Employer</p>	<p>36. Previous Employer</p> <p>37. Date of employment</p> <p>38. Reason for leaving</p> <p>39. Current Income</p> <p>40. Previous Income</p>	<p>41. Current Assets</p> <p>42. Previous Assets</p> <p>43. Date of acquisition</p> <p>44. Reason for acquisition</p> <p>45. Current Liabilities</p>
<p>46. Previous Liabilities</p> <p>47. Date of payment</p> <p>48. Reason for payment</p> <p>49. Current Net Worth</p> <p>50. Previous Net Worth</p>	<p>51. Current Health Insurance</p> <p>52. Previous Health Insurance</p> <p>53. Date of enrollment</p> <p>54. Reason for enrollment</p> <p>55. Current Life Insurance</p>	<p>56. Previous Life Insurance</p> <p>57. Date of enrollment</p> <p>58. Reason for enrollment</p> <p>59. Current Disability Insurance</p> <p>60. Previous Disability Insurance</p>
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# FEDERAL AGENCIES

## **The Adaptive Computer Technology Centre (The ACT Centre)**

10 Wellington Street  
Second Floor  
Hull, PQ K1A 0H3  
(819) 953-2491  
FAX: (819) 953-5995

**Mission:** Provides federal government employees who have disabilities with a wide range of adaptive computer technology support and service. Conducts workplace assessments and offers training, technical support, and information on adaptive tools for persons with visual, mobility, hearing, speaking, or learning disabilities.

## **Canadian Human Rights Commission**

320 Queen Street  
Place de Ville, Tower A  
Ottawa, ON K1A 1E1  
(613) 995-1151 or TTY (613) 996-5211  
FAX: (613) 996-9661

**Mission:** Acts as a watchdog against discrimination in federally regulated organizations and administers the Canadian Human Rights Act.

## **Canadian Transportation Agency Accessible Transportation Directorate**

15 Eddy Street  
Hull, PQ K1A 0N9  
(819) 953-2749  
FAX: (819) 953-6019

**Mission:** Attends to the removal of undue obstacles to the mobility

of travelers with disabilities in Canada's national transportation system through the resolution of complaints by travelers and through the formulation and implementation of regulations to improve accessibility.

## **Human Resources Development Canada**

### **Office for Disability Issues**

25 Eddy Street  
Terrasses de la Chandiere, Suite 100  
Hull, PQ K1A 0M5  
(819) 997-2412  
FAX: (819) 953-4797  
Cathy Chapman, Director

**Mission:** Assists in the development of policies and programs that promote equality and independence for persons with disabilities. Advocates regarding issues of concern to disabled persons and promotes research and the development of resources and information.

## **Human Resources Development Canada**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Program**

Place du Portage  
Phase IV, Federal Provincial Programs, Fifth Floor  
Hull, PQ K1A 0J9  
(819) 997-1471 or TTY (819) 997-2858  
FAX: (819) 997-2056

**Mission:** Helps persons with disabilities obtain and sustain employment.

## **National Library of Canada**

395 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4  
(613) 995-3904  
FAX: (613) 947-2916

**Mission:** Maintains comprehensive information on

Canadian libraries and agencies serving people with disabilities, as well as on special format materials available to disabled persons.

## **The Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)**

### **Accessibility Office**

Place du Portage  
Phase IV  
Hull, PQ K1A 0M2  
(819) 775-4660  
FAX: (819) 775-4914

**Mission:** Ensures that government buildings are accessible to persons with disabilities, both employees and members of the general public who use government services. Provides support and consultation in the area of barrier-free design of federal buildings and develops design standards and guidelines.

## **Transport Canada Accessible Transportation Policy and Programs**

Place de Ville  
Tower C, 26th Floor  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5  
(613) 991-6407  
FAX: (613) 993-7930  
Jean Corbiel, Minister of Transport

**Mission:** Enhances progress toward an accessible national transportation system by developing transportation policy and by providing advice and financial support.

## **Treasury Board of Canada**

300 Laurier Avenue West  
West Tower, Seventh Floor

Ottawa, ON K1A 0R5  
(613) 952-2870  
FAX: (613) 952-3231  
Gilles Loiselle, President, Treasury  
Board  
Claudette Barré, Director,  
Legislation and Policy,  
Employment Equity Division,  
Human Resources Branch

**Mission:** Develops and  
administers a broad range of  
policies and guidelines for all  
government departments with  
respect to the provision of services  
to persons with disabilities.

**Veterans Affairs Canada  
Health Care Division, Veteran  
Services Branch**

P.O. Box 7700  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 8M9  
(902) 566-8611  
FAX: (902) 566-8039  
Gerald Merrithew, Minister of  
Veterans Affairs

**Mission:** Operates programs  
through which blind veterans are  
equally eligible with other veterans  
for a wide range of benefits and  
services and receive special  
equipment and supplementary  
benefits specifically related to their  
blindness.



# NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

## Alternate Media Canada The National Broadcast Reading Service

150 Laird Drive Annex  
Toronto, ON M4G 3V7  
(416) 422-4222  
FAX: (416) 422-1633  
E-mail: nbrs@idirect.com  
John Stubbs, Director

**Mission:** Researches and develops communication products for the blind.

## Braille Authority of North America

1155 15th Street, N.W.  
Suite 720  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 467-5081  
FAX: (202) 467-5085  
Delores Ferrara-Godzieba, Director

See Braille Authority of North America in U.S. national listings.

## Canadian Blind Sports Association

1600 James Naismith Drive  
Gloucester, ON K1B 5N4  
(613) 748-5609  
FAX: (613) 748-5899  
Ross Bales, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit national sport organization.

**Mission:** To facilitate the provision of national and international sport opportunities for Canadians who are legally blind.

**Funded by:** Government, membership, internal fund raising, corporate donations.

**Budget:** \$325,000.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full time.

**Number of Clients Served:** 10 provincial associations; 1,400 athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

**Area Served:** Canada.

**Age Requirements:** All ages.

**Recreational:** Offers a wide range of programs to promote integration of blind athletes into sports and recreation programs.

**Publications:** *Moving to Inclusion*, formerly titled *Activity Integration Program: Integrating the Visually Impaired Student into Physical Education, A Teacher's Resource Manual*.

Provincial affiliates in Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

## Canadian National Institute for the Blind

### Department of Government Relations and International Services

320 McLeod Street  
Ottawa, ON K2P 1A3  
(613) 563-4021  
FAX: (613) 232-9070  
James W. Sanders, National Director, Government Relations and International Services

## Canadian National Institute for the Blind National Office

1929 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8  
(416) 480-7580  
FAX: (416) 480-7677  
E-mail: nat-government@east.cnib.ca  
URL: <http://www.cnib.ca>  
Euclid J. Herie, President

**Type of Agency:** Service and rehabilitation.

**Mission:** To ameliorate the lives of blind persons in Canada; to prevent blindness, and to promote sight-enhancement services.

**Funded by:** Government funds, United Way, private donations.

**Budget:** \$52 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri., business hours.

**Staff:** Approximately 1,500 nationally.

**History/Date:** Est. 1918.

**Number of Clients Served:** 90,000 clients on record; 10,000 new clients added annually.

**Area Served:** All of Canada, through a network of divisional offices.

**Transportation:** Y.

**Age Requirements:** None.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Available.

**Reading:** Y.

**Rehabilitation:** Seven core services of CNIB are counseling and referral; rehabilitation teaching; orientation/mobility instruction; sight enhancement; technical aids; career development and employment; and library services.

**Employment:** Employment counseling.

**Computer Training:** Y.

**Low Vision:** Assessments.

**Low Vision Aids:** Y.

**Low Vision Follow-up:** Y.

**Publications:** A wide variety.

Provides a wide variety of rehabilitation and other services, including the operation of a career development center, eye bank, CNIB Library for the Blind, Information Resource Centre.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind**  
P.O. Box 151200

San Rafael, CA 94915  
(415) 499-4000  
FAX: (415) 499-4035  
Sue Sullivan, Admissions

See Guide Dogs for the Blind in U.S. state listings.

**John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada**

40 St. Clair Avenue, East, Suite 202  
Toronto, ON M4T 1M9  
(416) 960-3953

**Mission:** Provides ecumenical Christian materials in large print and braille or on audiotape to Canada's blind and visually impaired population. Publishes quarterly magazines and maintains an audio cassette library.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind**

1039 South Rochester Road  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(810) 651-9011 or (810) 650-7115  
FAX: (810) 651-5812  
William Hansen, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Oakland County.

See Leader Dogs for the Blind in U.S. state listings.

**National Camps for Blind Children**

4444 South 52nd Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
(402) 488-0981  
FAX: (402) 488-7582  
Art Grayman, Director

See National Camps for Blind Children in U.S. national listings.

**Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)**

#4 Parkdale Crescent N.W.

Calgary, AB T2N 3T8  
(403) 283-6323  
FAX: (403) 270-1899  
E-mail: oeuca@cadvision.com

**Mission:** To encourage, develop, and fund sight restoration and blindness prevention programs in the developing world.

**Local Offices:**

**Central Canada Region:** 2100  
Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON  
M1L 3B7, (416) 759-8011.

**Pilot Dogs, Inc.**

625 West Town Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-4496  
(614) 221-6367  
J. Jay Gray, Executive Director

See Pilot Dogs, Inc. in U.S. state listings.

**Retinitis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation**

36 Toronto Street  
Suite 910  
Toronto, ON M5C 2C5  
(416) 360-4200  
FAX: (416) 360-0060  
Donna Raffa, Administrator  
Sharon Colle, National Executive Director

**Mission:** Promotes and supports research on the cause, treatment, and cure of retinitis pigmentosa and other retinal degenerative diseases. Has a network of local chapters through which it strives to create public awareness and provide support for persons with retinitis pigmentosa and their families.

**Funded by:** Individual donations.

**Budget:** \$1.25 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Founded 1974.  
Registered non-profit in province

of Ontario and Canadian registered charity.

**Area Served:** Canada.

**The Seeing Eye, Inc.**

Washington Valley Road  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(201) 539-4425  
Kenneth Rosenthal, President

See The Seeing Eye, Inc. in U.S. state listings.

**Ski for Light (Canada) Inc.**

2520 Glenview Avenue  
Kamloops, BC V2B 4L4  
(250) 376-6504  
Leonard Thoen, Treasurer

**Mission:** Promotes programs of cross-country skiing, or ski touring, for visually impaired and physically disabled persons.

**Funded by:** Donations.



# MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

## Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind

Box 85056 Alberta Park Postal Outlet

Calgary, AB T2A 7R7

(403) 262-5332

Shelley Allen, Executive Director

**Mission:** To promote sports and recreational activities for blind and visually impaired persons.

## American Optometric Association

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63141

(314) 991-4100

FAX: (314) 991-4101

Jeff Mays, Executive Director

See American Optometric Association in U.S. national listings.

## Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority

5940 South Street

Halifax, NS B3H 1S6

(902) 424-8500

FAX: (902) 424-0543

Deborah Pottie, Superintendent  
Dr. P. Ann MacCuspie, Director

**Mission:** To promote the use of braille in Canada, encourage research in the development of braille technology, and establish, adopt, and monitor standards for the production and teaching of English and French braille.

**Area Served:** Eastern Canada.

**Publications:** Membership newsletter published in English print and braille and French print and braille.

## Canadian Association of Optometrists

234 Argyle Avenue

Ottawa, ON K2P 1B9

(613) 235-7924

FAX: (613) 235-2025

E-mail: eyedocs@opto.ca

URL: <http://www.opto.ca>

Michale J. DiCola, President

**Type of Agency:** Professional association of optometrists in Canada.

**Mission:** To advance the quality, availability and accessibility of eye, vision and related healthcare.

**Funded by:** Members' dues.

**Staff:** 6.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948.

## Canadian Council for Exceptional Children Division for the Visually Handicapped

1010 Polytek Court

Unit 36

Gloucester, ON K1J 9J2

(613) 747-9226

FAX: (613) 745-9282

Bill Gowling, Director

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Staff:** 2.

**Area Served:** Canada.

See Council for Exceptional Children in U.S. national listings.

## Canadian Council of the Blind

Suite 200

396 Cooper Street

Ottawa, ON K2P 2H7

(613) 567-0311

FAX: (613) 567-2728

Mary Lee Moran, Executive Director

**Type of Agency:** National consumer advocacy.

**Mission:** To provide social, recreational, and blindness prevention programs. To advocate

on behalf of blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Government, donations, membership dues.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 2.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Number of Clients Served:** Membership over 4,000.

**Area Served:** Canada.

## Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind

422 Willowdale Avenue

Suite 405

Toronto, ON M2N 5B1

(416) 480-7417 (voice/TDD)

Dan Udell, President

**Mission:** To represent the interests of and improve services to deaf-blind persons in Canada.

## Canadian Ophthalmological Society

1525 Carling Avenue

Suite 610

Ottawa, ON K1Z 8R9

(613) 729-6779

FAX: (613) 729-7209

Hubert Drouin, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

**Mission:** Membership organization of ophthalmologists. Provide information about eye conditions and related issues.

**Funded by:** Membership.

**Budget:** \$1,000,000.

**Hours of Operation:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Staff:** 3 permanent.

**History/Date:** Founded in 1937.

**Number of Clients Served:** 800 members.

**Area Served:** Canada.

**Employment:** Job referral program for ophthalmologists.

**Publications:** *Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology*, published seven times per year; newsletter, published quarterly; patient information pamphlets (English and French).

**CDBRA (Canadian Deaf Blind Research Association) National Office**

c/o W. Ross Macdonald School  
350 Brant Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9  
(905) 527-2110  
FAX: (905) 527-6384  
Linda Mamer, President

**Type of Agency:** Social services.

**Mission:** To assist all persons who are deaf-blind and their families in achieving the best possible quality of life.

**Funded by:** Self-funded with assistance from the federal and provincial governments.

**Budget:** \$1.7 million.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975; federal charter in 1976.

**Eligibility:** Congenital deaf-blindness and early-acquired deaf-blindness.

**Area Served:** Canada.

**Counseling/Social Work/Self-Help:** Counseling and self-help.

**Educational:** Assistance with special schools and individual programs.

**Preschools:** Consultation.

**Professional Training:** Available.

**Residential:** Assistance in education and programs.

**Recreational:** Use of community facilities.

**Computer Training:** Some training available.

**Publications:** *Intervention* published biannually.

Chapters in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

**Council for Exceptional Children**

1920 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 20191-1589  
(703) 620-3660  
FAX: (703) 264-9494  
Dr. Nancy Safer, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Fairfax County.

See Council for Exceptional Children in U.S. national listings.

**Council of Schools for the Blind**

c/o St Joseph's School for the Blind  
253 Baldwin Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
(201) 653-0578  
FAX: (201) 653-4087  
Herbert Miller, Administrator

**Type of Agency:** Organization of chief executive officers of specialized residential schools for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and Canada.

**Mission:** Serves as an information clearinghouse and advocate for areas of interest relating to specialized residential schools for the blind and visually impaired persons.

See Council of Schools for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

**Low Vision Association of Ontario**

263 Russell Hill Road, Suite 101  
Toronto, ON M4V 2T4  
(416) 921-6609

**Mission:** Offers self-help/peer support programs and counseling on vision aids and training in their use.

**Regroupement des Aveugles et Amblyopes du Quebec**

3740 Berri Street  
Second Floor, Bureau 240

Montreal, PQ H2L 4G9  
(514) 849-2018

FAX: (514) 849-2754

Yves Fleury, General Director

**Type of Agency:** Consumer advocacy organization fully administered and directed by blind and visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** Works for the social integration of blind and visually impaired people by representing the interests of people with visual impairments in all fields of life.

**Funded by:** Quebec government (Ministry of Health and Social Services and of Education); private and corporate funding.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 2 full-time, 3 part time.

**History/Date:** Est. 1975.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,400 blind and visually impaired members; 47 corporate subscribers to *INFO-RAAQ*.

**Area Served:** Province of Quebec; maintains 11 regional affiliate associations.

**Age Requirements:** Voting blind and visually impaired members, age 16 and over; parents of blind and visually impaired children.

**Publications:** *INFO-RAAQ* newsletter, edited in French, produced in braille and large print and on cassette and disk.



**VIEWS for the Visually Impaired**

95 Wareside Road  
Etobicoke, ON M9C 3B5  
(416) 620-1410  
FAX: (416) 620-1472  
Judy Chudoba, Administrative  
Assistant

**Mission:** Membership organization that strives to ensure that children who are visually impaired have the opportunity to reach their full potential and that the families of these children receive the information, resources, and support that they need.





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**PUBLISHERS OF BRAILLE**  
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**PRODUCTS AND DEVICES**





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### American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults

18440 Oxnard Street  
Tarzana, CA 91356  
(818) 343-2022  
Jean Dyon Norris, Program  
Director

**Publications:** Books made available in print/braille Twin Vision format to children pre-K through high school. Free braille newspaper for deaf blind individuals and organizations that serve the deaf blind. Free braille calendars.

### American Bible Society

1865 Broadway  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 408-1200  
FAX: (212) 408-1512

**Mission:** Translates, publishes, and distributes the Scriptures in braille, large print, and recorded forms.

**Funded by:** Personal and church donations and endowments.

**History/Date:** Est. 1816 and Inc. 1841.

**Area Served:** Worldwide services.

### American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza  
Suite 300  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463 or  
TDD (212) 502-7662  
FAX: (212) 502-7777  
E-mail: [afbinfo@afb.org](mailto:afbinfo@afb.org)  
URL: <http://www.afb.org>

**Mission:** Publishes a wide variety of professional, reference, and consumer titles in various media, including print, braille, large print, disk, audio cassette, and CD-ROM. Publishes the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness* in print and braille and on audiocassette. Issues selected videos with audiodescription. Records and manufactures talking books on audiocassette for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and for commercial and nonprofit organizations.

### American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.

1839 Frankfort Avenue  
P.O. Box 6085  
Louisville, KY 40206-0085  
(502) 895-2405 or (800) 223-1839  
FAX: (502) 899-2274  
E-mail: [info@aph.org](mailto:info@aph.org)  
URL: <http://www.aph.org>  
Dr. Tuck Tinsley III, President

**Type of Agency:** National organization for the production of literature and the manufacture of educational aids for visually impaired persons.

**Mission:** Publishes braille books, music, and magazines; large-type textbooks; talking books and magazines; microcomputer software; tactile graphics; and electronic books. Provides on-line reference-catalog service for volunteer-produced textbooks in all media for visually impaired

students, plus information about other sources of materials for those interested in the education of visually impaired. Manufactures special educational aids for blind and visually impaired persons. Maintains an educational research and development program concerned with educational procedures and methods and the development of educational aids.

**Funded by:** Contracts, public funds, and contributions; since 1879, through the federal "Act To Promote the Education of the Blind," receives an annual appropriation from Congress to provide textbooks and educational aids for all students attending schools or special educational institutions of less than college grade.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1858.

**Area Served:** United States primarily; worldwide services on a contract basis.

**Publications:** Through funds donated by the public, publishes braille and talking book editions of the *Reader's Digest*, braille and large type editions of *My Weekly Reader*, and a weekly talking book edition of *Newsweek Magazine*, and *The Century Braille Book Club*. Free newsletters include *APH Slate* and *Micro Materials Update*.

### Associated Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 627-0600  
FAX: (215) 922-0692  
E-mail: [asbinfo@libertynet.org](mailto:asbinfo@libertynet.org)  
Patricia C. Johnson, CEO  
Dolores Ferrara-Godzieba,  
Director: Braille, Radio/Recording

**Mission:** Produces braille and large-print books, under contract to the Library of Congress, for distribution throughout the United

States or for schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

**Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired**

P.O. Box 23043  
Anchorage, KY 40223  
(502) 245-5422  
Robert J. Knoll, Chairman  
Sandra Koukola, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Jefferson County.

**Area Served:** Entire United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Austin Junior Women's Federation**

1406 Wilshire Boulevard  
Austin, TX 78722  
(512) 385-6935 or (512) 451-4802  
Margarine G. Beaman, Project Director

**County/District Where Located:** Travis County.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Career/vocational, miscellaneous.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print, and raised characters for brochures, metal trails, elevator numbers, menus, bank automatic teller machines, bank statements, directories and malls.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

**Bantam-Doubleday-Dell**

1540 Broadway

New York, NY 10036  
(212) 765-6500  
FAX: (212) 782-9600

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

**Beach Cities Braille Guild**

P.O. Box 712  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
(714) 969-7992  
FAX: (714) 960-1815  
Linda Mc Govern, President

**Area Served:** Most of the English speaking world.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults, touch-impaired blind persons.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, recreational, career/vocational, religious.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books. Jumbo braille. Also computer-assisted transcription.

**Title Listings:** Title listings in preparation.

Provides resource counseling for blind and visually impaired individuals.

**Bible Alliance**

P.O. Box 621  
Bradenton, FL 34206  
(941) 748-3031  
FAX: (941) 748-2625  
Joseph Aleppo, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:** Manatee County.

**Mission:** Distributes the Bible on cassette in many languages at no charge. Also produces talking book tapes; translations to other languages.

**Reading:** The Bible is available in more than 50 languages free of charge to individuals who cannot read standard print because of visual impairment. A verification of the impairment is necessary.

**Blindskills, Inc.**

P.O. Box 5181  
Salem, OR 97304  
(800) 860-1224 or (503) 581-4224  
FAX: (503) 581-0178  
E-mail: blindskl@teleport.com  
URL: <http://www.teleport.com/~blindskl>  
Carol M. McCarl, Editor  
Richard L. Belgard, Assistant Editor

**County/District Where Located:** Marion County.

**Mission:** To provide blind and visually impaired people with a magazine by and for them as well as resources, support and information.

**Funded by:** Group and individual subscriptions, donations and organization grants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1983.

**Number of Clients Served:** 1,200.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Publications:** *DIALOGUE* magazine in braille, large print, on 4-track cassette and IBM-compatible diskette. A quarterly publication written by blind and visually impaired authors, *DIALOGUE* contains articles on resources and new products for the newly blind and those experiencing sight loss as well as support for coping and daily living skills.

**Books Aloud**

180 West San Carlos  
San Jose, CA 95113-2096  
(408) 277-4878  
FAX: (408) 277-4818  
URL: <http://www.booksaloud.org/>  
Barbara Niemann, Contact Person

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** Blind and physically handicapped, all ages.



**Types/Content:** All subjects but no textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Cassette books.

**Title Listings:** Catalogs available for adults and children.

### **Braille Communication Services**

P.O. Box 16126

Lansing, MI 48901

(517) 627-9849

Duane Rolison, Manager

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Groups Served:** All groups.

**Types/Content:** Text materials in English other than mathematics or music, including computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.

### **Braille Inc.**

184 Seapit Road

P.O. Box 457

East Falmouth, MA 02536-0457

(508) 540-0800

FAX: (508) 548-6116

E-mail: [braillinc@c2pecod.net](mailto:braillinc@c2pecod.net)

Joan B. Rose

**County/District Where Located:**

Barnstable County.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** Departments of Education, schools, colleges, Departments of Human Services, public and private corporations.

**Types/Content:** Library braille, mathematics, computer and technical materials and diagrams, music.

**Media Formats:** Braille.

**Title Listings:** Individual listings are too numerous for inclusion here.

### **Braille International**

3290 S.E. Slater Street

Stuart, FL 34997

(407) 286-8366 or (800) 336-3142

FAX: (407) 286-8909

Jeffrey Bull, President

**County/District Where Located:**

Martin County.

**Area Served:** Continental United States, Canada, and abroad.

**Groups Served:** All groups.

**Types/Content:** Literary braille; reference books, menus, greeting cards, brochures, catalogs, technical manuals, children's books.

**Media Formats:** Braille and children's listening cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Catalog available.

### **Chivers North America**

1 Lafayette Road

P.O. Box 1450

Hampton, NH 03842-0015

(603) 926-8744 or (800) 621-0182

FAX: (603) 929-3890

**County/District Where Located:**

Rockingham County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction.

### **Choice Magazine Listening**

Dept 12

P.O. Box 10

Port Washington, NY 11050

(516) 883-8280

FAX: (516) 944-6849

Doris Fields, Editor

**Mission:** Provides quality recorded reading for blind and visually impaired persons.

**Funded by:** Sponsor contributions and investment income.

**History/Date:** Est. 1961 and Inc. 1965.

**Area Served:** United States.

Records on 4-track tape free bimonthly anthology of unabridged articles, fiction, and poetry selected from current

periodicals; distributed throughout the U.S. free of charge through regional libraries and individual subscription.

### **Christian Education for the Blind**

P.O. Box 6399

Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 923-0603

James Wiles, Program Director

**Mission:** Tape-records and distributes the *Evangel Voice Magazine*, Sunday school lessons, the Christian Education Library for the Blind, and sacred music.

Publishes the *Evangel Hymn Book* (words only), and *Evangel Hymn Book* (words and music) in braille.

Distributes Scriptures in braille and on recordings. Reading services are offered to blind persons without cost through a library loan system.

**Funded by:** Contributions; church groups; foundations.

### **Christian Mission for the Blind**

5354 Boy Scout Road

Indianapolis, IN 46226

(317) 549-2386

William B. Schalk, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**

Marion County.

**Mission:** Distributes religious material in braille, large type, and on cassette tapes.

**Funded by:** Churches and private contributions.

**History/Date:** Est. 1958.

**Area Served:** North America and nine foreign countries.

**Publications:** *Spiritual Light* (large-print newsletter and cassette tapes). *Christian Talking Magazine* (cassette tape only). Lending library (free catalog of large-print and cassette tape materials on request).

**Christian Record Services**

4444 South 52nd Street  
P.O. Box 6097  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
(402) 488-0981 or (402) 488-1902  
TDD  
FAX: (402) 488-7582  
Larry J. Pitcher, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Lancaster County.

**Mission:** Produces braille books, talking books / cassettes, and large-print books. Has lending library.

**Publications:** *Christian Record*; *Children's Friend* (braille); *Student*; *Encounter*; *Young and Alive*; *Christian Record Talking Magazine*; *Lifeflow*; *Review and Herald*; *Campfire Light*.

**Christian Science Publishing Society**

1 Norway Street  
Boston, MA 02115  
(617) 450-2000 or (800) 288-7090, ext. 2694  
FAX: (617) 450-2500  
Stephanie Gaylord, Account Manager

**County/District Where Located:**  
Suffolk County.

**Mission:** Sells talking book editions of Bible lessons and articles from *Christian Science Journal* and *Sentinel*.

**Funded by:** Income from publications.

**History/Date:** Est. 1898.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Publications:** *The Herald of Christian Science* and *Christian Science Bible Lessons* (braille).

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Special Curriculum**

50 East North Temple  
Floor 24

Salt Lake City, UT 84150  
(801) 240-2509  
FAX: (801) 240-5732  
E-mail: hinddl@chq.byu.edu  
Douglas L. Hind, Manager

**Mission:** Prepares spiritual books, lessons and auxiliary handbooks in braille, disk, and cassette formats.

**Funded by:** Church funds.

**Area Served:** Worldwide services.

**Publications:** *The Ensign* (monthly talking book magazine); *Friend* (monthly, braille magazine); *New Era* (monthly braille magazine).

**Cleveland Sight Center of the Cleveland Society for the Blind**

1909 East 101st Street  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
(216) 791-8118  
FAX: (216) 791-1101  
Alice Miller, Coordinator, Taping Services  
Marlene Smith, Coordinator, Braille and Large-Print Transcription Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Cuyahoga County.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** All ages.

**Types/Content:** General, all academic subjects.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; cassettes; large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Provided on request.

**The Clovernook Center Opportunities for the Blind**

7000 Hamilton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45231  
(513) 522-3860  
FAX: (513) 728-3946  
Marvin Kramer, Ed.D., Executive Director

**Mission:** Provides visually impaired persons, particularly those with multiple disabilities,

with services and training necessary for the attainment and maintenance of each individual's optimal level of independence.

**Funded by:** Income from printing operations and contributions.

**History/Date:** Est. 1915.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Publications:** Embosses braille books, magazines, catalogs, and other publications for individuals and national organizations, including the Library of Congress, American Foundation for the Blind, Lions Clubs International, United States Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration. Publishes *Tactic Magazine*, a consumer oriented quarterly on adaptive technology.

**Contra Costa Braille Transcribers**

514 Freya Way  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
(510) 682-4734  
FAX: (510) 682-0101  
E-mail: akelt@juno.com  
Ann Kelt, Chairperson

**Area Served:** Nationwide, with emphasis on California.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, and other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career / vocational.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

**Deaf-Blind Program The National Academy, Gallaudet University**

Peet Hall, Third Floor  
800 Florida Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 651-5256  
FAX: (202) 651-5887  
Arthur Roehrig, Coordinator



**Area Served:** United States.

**Groups Served:** Deaf-blind persons, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

**Types/Content:** Continuing education.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

Vocational training for computer-related careers.

### **ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)**

#### **Braille and Tape Service**

426 South Fifth Street

P.O. Box 1209

Minneapolis, MN 55440

(612) 330-3502

Karen Hoppe, Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:**

Hennepin County.

**Groups Served:** Blind and visually impaired members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Media Formats:** Braille and audiotape.

### **G.K. Hall and Company Simon and Schuster**

200 Old Tappan Road

Old Tappan, NJ 07675

(800) 223-2348

**County/District Where Located:**

Bergen County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print books.

### **Gospel Association for the Blind**

P.O. Box 62

Delray Beach, FL 33447

(407) 274-9700

Rev. Ralph Montanus, Jr.,

President

**County/District Where Located:**

Palm Beach County.

**Funded by:** Contributions and affiliated churches.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945 and Inc. 1947.

**Area Served:** United States, Canada, and islands of the Caribbean.

**Reading:** Has a large free circulating library of braille, books, and cassettes.

**Publications:** Monthly cassette magazine, *The Gospel Messenger*, for adults.

### **Grey House Publishing Company**

8 Holly Street

P.O. Box 1958

Lakeville, CT 06039

(860) 435-0868 or (800) 562-2139

FAX: (860) 435-0867

Amy Lignor, Contact Person

**Mission:** Publishes large-print books, including fiction and nonfiction.

### **HarperCollins Publishers**

10 East 53rd Street

New York, NY 10022

(212) 207-7000

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference.

### **Helen Keller Services for the Blind/Braille Library**

One Helen Keller Way

Hempstead, NY 11550

(516) 485-1234

FAX: (516) 538-6785

Edith Magee, Assistant Director

**County/District Where Located:**

Nassau County.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Groups Served:** K-12.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; novels.

**Media Formats:** Braille/large-print books.

**Title Listings:** No title listings available.

Braille and large print text book masters created and copies provided to students within New York State. Copies of masters available for sale outside of New York State.

### **Herald House**

Drawer 1770

Independence, MO 64055

(816) 252-5010

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

### **Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02172

(617) 924-3490

FAX: (617) 926-2027

Sarah A. McPhillips, Office Manager

**County/District Where Located:** Middlesex County.

**Mission:** Manufactures and sells the Perkins Brailier, manual or electric; standard, large cell, jumbo dot braille; slates; styli; mathematical aids; braille games; heavy and light-grade braille paper.

**Funded by:** Sale of products.

**Area Served:** Worldwide services.

### **Isis Large Print Books Transaction Publishers**

Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey

New Brunswick, NJ 08903

(732) 445-2280

FAX: (732) 445-3138

Scott Bramson, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Middlesex County.

Offers wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books in large print.

**Jewish Braille Institute of America**

110 East 30th Street  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 889-2525 or (800) 433-1531  
FAX: (212) 689-3692  
Gerald M. Kass, Executive Vice President

**Mission:** Serves the Jewish religious, cultural, educational, and communal needs of blind, visually impaired, and reading disabled persons by providing information on Judaism. Publishes braille books in Hebrew and English; talking books in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French, Hungarian, Russian, German, and Romanian and large-print books in English and Hebrew. Transcribes and records other special material. Maintains free circulating braille, talking book, and large-print library meeting the needs of children as well as adult readers. Serves as a counseling and referral resource.

**Funded by:** Contributions, endowment, synagogues, and foundations.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1931.

**Area Served:** Worldwide services.

**Professional Training:** Training institutes for librarians and professionals working with the elderly persons.

**Publications:** *Jewish Braille Review*; *JB I Voice*; *Likkotin* (in Hebrew); and *JB I Cultural Series*.

**Jewish Guild for the Blind (The Guild)**

15 West 65th Street

New York, NY 10023  
(212) 769-6331  
FAX: (212) 769-6266  
E-mail: bemass@aol.com  
Bruce Massis, Director of Library Services

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Groups Served:** Adults.

**Types/Content:** Recreational.

**Media Formats:** Talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** \$25 charge (in large-print or on cassette) or Medicaid exemption.

**John Milton Society for the Blind**

475 Riverside Drive  
Room 455  
New York, NY 10115  
(212) 870-3335  
FAX: (212) 870-3229  
Darcy Quigley, Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit. Worldwide interdenominational ministry in Christian literature and education.

**Mission:** Publishes in Braille and large print and on cassette quarterly magazines for adults and teens free of charge.

**Publications:** *Discovery* (Braille, for youth); *John Milton Magazine* (large type); *Adult Lessons Quarterly* (Braille and cassette); *Directory of Resources*; *Annual Bible Commentary* (Braille); *Motto Calendar* (Braille). Publishes in Braille, large-print, and on cassette quarterly magazines for adults and teens free of charge. Accepts unsolicited manuscripts and poetry.

**Library Reproduction Service**

14214 South Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA 90011-1096  
(800) 255-5002  
FAX: (213) 749-8943  
E-mail: lrsprint@aol.com  
Joan Hudson-Miller, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Los Angeles County.

**Mission:** Provides large print reproductions of any and all educational and reading materials for purchase. Reproductions are produced from either titles already available or from originals sent to service. Catalog available on request at no charge.

**Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association**

1740 Eugene Street  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
(612) 426-0469  
Rev. Dennis A. Hawkinson, Executive Director

**Mission:** Publishes and distributes Christian literature for blind and visually impaired persons. Strives to serve the spiritual needs of blind persons via publications in large-print and braille and on audio cassette and computer disk.

**Publications:** *Christian Magnifier*; *Tract Messenger*; *Lutheran Braille Evangelism Bulletin*.

Revised standard Braille bible available; King James 4 track cassette album available.

**Lutheran Braille Workers**

Box 5000  
Yucaipa, CA 92399-1450  
(909) 795-8977  
FAX: (909) 795-8970  
LeRoy Delafosse, Executive Director

**Mission:** Provides religious and educational materials in braille and large print. Maintains 200 work centers worldwide staffed by volunteers to help make the Bible accessible to the blind and visually



impaired. All material provided free upon certification of being blind or visually impaired.

**Publications:** *Work Center Memo; Lutheran Braille Workers Newsletter; Work Center Directory.*

**Types/Content:** Provides braille copies of limited reference and textbook materials for blind students and of bible studies materials.

### **Lutheran Library for the Blind**

1333 South Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
(314) 965-9000, ext. 1322 or  
(800) 433-3954  
FAX: (314) 965-0959  
Lynne Borchelt, Assistant

**Mission:** Provides braille, large-print, cassette periodicals, and books.

**Funded by:** Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

**History/Date:** Est. 1951.

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Publications:** *The Lutheran Messenger, The Lutheran Witness, The Lutheran Digest, The Lutheran Women Missionary League Quarterly, The Lutheran Layman, My Devotions, My Delight, Christian Life, Happy Times, My Pleasure, Teacher's Interaction, Portals of Prayer, Strength for the Day, Teen Time, Our Life in Christ Sunday School Lessons, Catechisms.*

### **Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind**

80 Eighth Avenue, Room 1304  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 242-0263  
FAX: (212) 633-1601  
E-mail: zieglermag@ibm.net  
URL: <http://www.zieglermag.org>  
Michael Mellor, Editor

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan.

**Mission:** Publishes in braille and on four-track, half-speed cassette the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind*, a free, general-interest, monthly covering a wide range of subjects, which includes news of special interest to blind and visually impaired people, pen pals, and a letter column where readers can seek or give advice or express their opinions sent to any visually impaired person requesting it.

**Funded by:** Endowment.

**History/Date:** Est. and Inc. 1907.

**Area Served:** Worldwide services.

### **Metrolina Association for the Blind**

704 Louise Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
(704) 372-3870 or (800) 926-5466  
FAX: (704) 373-3872  
Robert Scheffel, Director

**County/District Where Located:** Mecklenburg County.

**Mission:** Produces braille and large-print documents, textbooks, bank statements, utility statements.

### **Michigan Braille Transcribing Service**

4000 Cooper Street  
Jackson, MI 49241  
(517) 788-7560, ext. 494  
Francelia Wonders, Director

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** K-12, adults, businesses.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, math and computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Print lists available at no charge.

### **Monterey County Braille Transcribers**

P.O. Box DF

Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
(408) 372-2944  
Margaret Parenti, Work Coordinator

**County/District Where Located:** Monterey County.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students and other adults.

**Types/Content:** None specified.

**Media Formats:** Textbook braille.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### **MSMT Braille Center**

11 West Barham Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407  
(707) 579-1115  
FAX: (707) 579-1246  
Carolyn Colclough, Contact Person

**County/District Where Located:** Sonoma County.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Types/Content:** Text materials (other than music and math), including computer-related materials, graphs, maps, charts, and diagrams.

**Media Formats:** Braille; large-print.

### **National Association for Visually Handicapped**

22 West 21st Street  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 889-3141  
FAX: (212) 727-2931  
E-mail: [staff@navh.org](mailto:staff@navh.org)  
URL: <http://www.navh.org>  
Eva Cohen, Director's Assistant

**Mission:** Provides large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, newsletters for adults and children.

**National Association to Promote the Use of Braille**

3618 Dayton Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 897-2632  
FAX: (502) 899-1610  
Betty Nicely, President

**County/District Where Located:**  
Jefferson County.

**Mission:** Makes the *Random House Concise Dictionary* available in a VersaBraille II Plus disk version.

**National Braille Association**

3 Townline Circle  
Rochester, NY 14623  
(716) 427-8260  
FAX: (716) 427-0263  
Angela Coffaro, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Monroe County.

**Mission:** Assists all involved in the development and improvement of skills and techniques required for the production of reading materials for individuals who are print handicapped.

**Funded by:** Membership fees; contributions; grants.

**History/Date:** Est. 1945.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Educational:** Provides continuing education to groups and individuals who prepare reading materials for print handicapped persons through seminars, workshops, consultations, and the publication of instruction manuals.

**Publications:** *Tape Recording Manual; Tape Recording Lessons; Guidelines for Administration of Groups Producing Reading Materials for the Visually Handicapped; Manual for Large-type Transcribing; NBA Bulletin* (quarterly to membership, available in print, braille, and on disk and cassette tape; available to agencies by subscription); reprints and workshops pertaining to all

advanced braille codes, tactile graphics, and computer-assisted transcription.

**Types/Content:** Provides braille textbooks, music, career, and technical materials at below cost to blind students and professionals and helps meet other braille needs of a more general nature.

**National Braille Press**

88 St. Stephen Street  
Boston, MA 02115  
(617) 266-6160 or (800) 548-7323  
FAX: (617) 437-0456  
E-mail: orders@nbp.org  
William M. Raeder, Executive Director

**Mission:** Provides braille printing services for organizations, including the Library of Congress. Sponsors children's Braille Book-of-the-Month Club.

**Publications:** *Syndicated Columnists Weekly; Our Special; National Braille Press Release.*

**Types/Content:** Sells braille books, including computer manuals, tutorials and reference guides, cookbooks, baby and child care information, Christmas cards, an employment guide, AIDS information, and books on writing skills and etiquette.

**Northern Nevada Braille Transcribers**

1015 Oxford Avenue  
Sparks, NV 89431-3037  
(702) 358-2456 (voice/TDD)  
Lois Baskerville, Advocate

**Area Served:** United States and some foreign English-speaking areas.

**Groups Served:** Teens and adults; original transcription requests taken from deaf-blind persons, with additional copies available for loan to others. A list of young

children and elementary level books is available.

**Types/Content:** Recreational, any requests, with priority to deaf-blind persons' requests.

**Media Formats:** Braille books.

**Title Listings:** Braille lists available on request; some print lists available.

**Print Access Center The Lighthouse Inc.**

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9681  
FAX: (212) 821-9707  
E-mail: braille@lighthouse.org or astevenson@lighthouse.org  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>.  
Andrew Stevenson, Director,  
Information Resources

**Area Served:** Worldwide.

**Groups Served:** Individuals, businesses, libraries, schools, training centers.

**Media Formats:** Braille, large print and cassette. Provides braille and large print for business organizations.

Provides consultation on braille and large print needs.

**Prose & Cons Braille Unit**

P.O. Box 2500  
Lincoln, NE 68542-2500  
(402) 471-3161, ext. 3373  
FAX: (402) 471-3472  
Dominic Inzodda, Shop Operator

**County/District Where Located:**  
Lancaster County.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** K-12, college students, other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, menus, tests (mathematics, science, computer, etc.).



**Media Formats:** Braille/large print books.

**Title Listings:** Printed at no charge.

Braille writer repair, tactiles, and grading literary lessons.

### **Random House Large Print**

201 East 50th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 572-2600 or (800) 726-0600  
FAX: (212) 872-8026

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 452-0606 or (800) 221-4792  
FAX: (609) 987-8116  
E-mail: [info@rfbid.org](mailto:info@rfbid.org)  
URL: <http://www.rfbid.org>  
Ritchie L. Geisel, President and CEO

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Provides recorded and computerized textbooks, library services, and other educational resources to people who cannot read standard print because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability. Maintains a lending library of recorded books and acts as a recording service for additional titles.

**Funded by:** Individual corporations and foundations.

**Hours of Operation:** Customer services: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, EST; administration: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:45 PM.

**Staff:** 4,800 trained volunteers.

**History/Date:** Est. 1948; inc. 1951.

**Number of Clients Served:** 30,000.

**Eligibility:** Documented print disability--blindness, low vision, learning disability, or other physical impairment that impedes reading.

**Area Served:** United States, Canada, and other countries.

**Publications:** *RFB&D Impact* (newsletter); *RFB&D Annual Report*.

### **Resources for Rehabilitation**

33 Bedford Street  
Suite 19A  
Lexington, MA 02173  
(617) 862-6455  
Susan Greenblatt, Contact Person

**Mission:** Publishes large-print computer disk, and audio books, including nonfiction, and reference books that enable consumers and service providers to locate resources that contribute to independence.

Conducts custom-designed training programs for consumers and service providers related to vision loss, rehabilitation, and assistive technology. Conducts program evaluations.

### **St. Martin's Press**

175 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10010  
(800) 221-7945  
FAX: (212) 420-9314

**County/District Where Located:** Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Publishes audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

### **Seedlings: Braille Books for Children**

P.O. Box 51924

Livonia, MI 48151-5924  
(313) 427-8552 or (800) 777-8552  
FAX: (313) 427-8552  
E-mail: [seedlink@aol.com](mailto:seedlink@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.22cent.com/seedlings/>

**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** Publishes braille books for children.

Seedlings publishes low-cost braille books for children ages 1-14 (some are available in print-and-braille format). Free catalog on request.

### **Services to the Blind Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

1001 West Walnut  
P.O. Box 1059  
Independence, MO 64051  
(816) 833-1000, ext. 1460  
FAX: (816) 521-3043  
Carol White, Supervisor

**Area Served:** United States; Canada; requests world wide considered.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults; agencies who need braille adapted.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career/vocational; religious; any requests considered.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge from Free Lending Library.

Braille adaptations done for clients on request. Free Lending Library--both braille and cassette. Free calendars on request.

### **Sight Line Productions**

505 Paradise Road  
Suite 200

Swampscott, MA 01907  
(617) 595-9800  
FAX: (617) 595-9800  
E-mail: psudore@atablast.net  
Pamela S. Sudore, President

**Mission:** Publishes materials in braille and large type.

**Area Served:** National.

**Groups Served:** Businesses, organizations, and agencies.

**Types/Content:** Maps, brochures, forms, menus, charts, diagrams, business cards, floor plans, and greeting cards.

### **Simon & Schuster Publishing**

200 Old Tappan Road  
Old Tappan, NJ 07675  
(800) 223-2348  
FAX: (800) 445-6991

**County/District Where Located:** Bergen County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference books.

### **Theosophical Book Association for the Blind**

54 Krotona Hill  
Ojai, CA 93023  
(805) 646-2121  
E-mail: 75457.633@compuserve.com

**Mission:** Supplies individuals and libraries with braille books.

Operates free lending library of materials in braille and tape.

**Funded by:** Members of the Theosophical Societies, foundation grants, and endowments.

**History/Date:** Est. 1910; inc. 1943.

**Eligibility:** Worldwide.

**Publications:** Publishes theosophical material, esoteric philosophy, and metaphysical material in braille and on tapes and cassettes, including *The Braille Star Theosophist*, an occasional

magazine distributed internationally without charge.

### **Thorndike Press**

P.O. Box 159  
Thorndike, MI 04986-0159  
(207) 948-2962  
FAX: (207) 948-2863

**County/District Where Located:** Waldo County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction books.

### **Ulverscroft Large Print Books Limited**

1881 Ridge Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
(716) 674-4270 or (800) 955-9659  
FAX: (716) 694-4195

**County/District Where Located:** Erie County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction and nonfiction.

### **Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.**

617 State Street  
Garland, TX 75040  
(972) 272-1615  
FAX: (972) 494-5002  
Elizabeth Gross, Director

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** K-college level.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, commercial materials, menus. LOC certified.

**Media Formats:** Braille books, computer disks.

**Title Listings:** None specified.

### **Volunteer Braille Services**

3730 Toledo Avenue, North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422  
(612) 521-0372  
FAX: (612) 588-4912  
Jean Zolik, Coordinator/Format Advisor

**County/District Where Located:** Hennepin County.

**Area Served:** United States.

**Groups Served:** Braille and large print readers.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks and text materials other than computer-related materials.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.

Also maintains children's print/braille library for residents of the United States, serving kindergarten through grade 12.

### **Volunteer Braillists and Tapists**

517 North Segoe Road  
Suite 200  
Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 233-0222

Bonnie Crossman, President  
Gail Yu, Office Coordinator

**Area Served:** All of United States and Canada, but primarily Wisconsin.

**Groups Served:** Preschool; K-12; college students; other adults.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks; career/vocational; religious; children's literature; adult fiction; cookbooks; handiwork.

**Media Formats:** Braille books; talking books/cassettes; braille-print children's books.

**Title Listings:** Print and braille lists available at no charge.

### **Volunteers of Vacaville**

P.O. Box 670  
Vacaville, CA 95696  
(707) 448-6841  
Dave Boulton, Coordinator

**Area Served:** United States; worldwide.

**Groups Served:** K-12; college students; other adults.



**Types/Content:** Textbooks; recreational; career / vocational; religious.

**Media Formats:** Talking books / cassettes.

Repair services for brailers.

### **Volunteer Transcribing Services**

205 East Third Avenue, Suite 200  
San Mateo, CA 94401

(415) 344-8664 (as of 8/1/97 area code 415 becomes 650)

FAX: (415) 344-8676

Alanah Hoffman, Director

**Area Served:** United States and Canada.

**Groups Served:** K-14.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks.

**Media Formats:** Large-print books.

**Title Listings:** Fee for service.

### **Wheeler Publishing, Inc.**

P.O. Box 531

Accord, MA 02018-0531

(617) 871-9170

FAX: (617) 871-9173

**County/District Where Located:**  
Plymouth County.

**Reading:** Large print books for the visually handicapped. Primary focus is bestsellers.

### **Xavier Society for the Blind**

154 East 23rd Street

New York, NY 10010

(212) 473-7800 or (800) 945-5565

FAX: (212) 888-4183

Rev. Alfred Caruana, S.J., Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
Manhattan County.

**Mission:** Makes available various weekly and monthly Catholic periodicals; maintains free lending library of Braille, large-type, and tape books of exclusively religious nature; provides a variety of devotional materials in accessible

forms. Catalogs available in all three media.

**History/Date:** Inc. 1904.

**Area Served:** United States and Canada; certain services extended to blind persons overseas.

**Publications:** Spiritual and inspirational literature in the Catholic tradition (in braille, large print, and on tape).

### **Zondervan Publishing House**

5300 Patterson Avenue, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49530

(616) 698-6900

FAX: (616) 698-3421

**County/District Where Located:**  
Kent County.

**Mission:** Publishes large-print and audio books, including fiction, nonfiction, and reference.

## **◆ Audiodescription Services**

### **Audio Description**

#### **Metropolitan Washington Ear**

35 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 681-6636

Dr. Margaret Rockwell Pfanstiehl,  
President and Founder

Cody Pfanstiehl, Audiodescription  
Services

**County/District Where Located:**  
Montgomery County.

Trains describers, guides, and docents in audiodescription; publishes a newsletter for individuals interested in audiodescription; and helps other organizations launch audiodescription services.

### **Audio Optics, Inc.**

24 Hutton Avenue, #26

West Orange, NJ 07052

(201) 736-1704

Albert D. Hecht, Director

Audiodescribes movies for home video release as well as select television programs.

### **Audio Vision**

416 Holladay Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94110

(415) 641-4589

FAX: (415) 641-4461

Ida C. Johnson, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
San Francisco County.

Offers training for audiodescribers and production services for audiodescribed films, plays, and exhibits.

### **Descriptive Video Service WGBH-TV**

125 Western Avenue

Boston, MA 02134

(617) 492-2777

FAX: (617) 783-8668

E-mail: [laurie\\_everett@wgbh.org](mailto:laurie_everett@wgbh.org)

URL: <http://www.boston.com/wgbh/dvs>

Laurie Everett

Produces audiodescription for national series on PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) and TCM (Turner Classic Movies), as well as non-broadcast films and videos. Provides description in IMAX and OMNI MAX theatres. Operates DVS Home Video, a mail order catalog of described Hollywood movies and public television documentaries. Publishes a quarterly newsletter (The DVS Guide) and new releases for DVS Home Video (2 times per year).

### **Narrative Television Network**

5840 South Memorial Drive

Suite 312

Tulsa, OK 74145  
(918) 627-1000  
FAX: (918) 627-4101  
E-mail: narrative@aol.com

**County/District Where Located:**  
Tulsa County.

Produces audiodescription for  
movies for cable television  
systems.

**National Academy of Audio  
Description**

**RP International**

P.O. Box 900  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365  
(818) 992-0500  
Helen Harris, Director

**Mission:** Provides  
audiodescriptions of motion  
pictures in theaters, on home video  
and on television.



# SOURCES OF PRODUCTS

## ◆ *Mail Order, Catalogs, and Distributors*

Includes organizations and companies that carry a wide variety of products, including independent living, health care, and recreation products; low vision devices; and communication aids. Products can usually be ordered by catalog, which can be obtained from the individual companies listed.

### **American Printing House for the Blind**

P.O. Box 6085, Department 0086  
Louisville, KY 40206-0085  
(502) 895-2405

### **Ann Morris Enterprises Inc.**

890 Fams Court  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 292-9232 or (800) 454-3175  
FAX: (516) 292-2522  
E-mail: annmor@netcom.com  
URL: <http://tribeca.ios.com/tildaannm2>

### **Automagic Corporation**

195 South Beverly Drive  
Suite 406  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
(310) 552-2101 or (310) 552-1412  
FAX: (310) 275-1550

### **Carolyn's**

1415 57th Avenue

West Bradenton, FL 34207  
(800) 648-2266  
FAX: (941) 739-5503  
E-mail: magnify@bhip.infi.net

### **Enabling Technologies Company**

3102 S.E. Jay Street  
Stuart, FL 34997  
(407) 283-4817  
FAX: (407) 220-2920

### **Enhanced Vision Systems, Inc.**

2915 Redhill Avenue, Suite B201  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
(800) 440-9476 or (714) 957-0155  
FAX: (714) 957-0722

### **Environmental Lighting, Inc**

3923 Coconut Palm Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619

### **Independent Living Aids, Inc.**

27 East Mall  
Plainview, NY 11803  
(800) 537-2118 or (516) 752-8080  
FAX: (516) 752-3135

### **The Lighthouse Inc.**

36-20 Northern Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 786-5620

### **LS&S Group, Inc.**

P.O. Box 673  
Northbrook, IL 60065  
(800) 468-4789 or (847) 498-9777  
FAX: (847) 498-1482  
E-mail: lsgrp@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.lssgroup.com>

### **Maddak, Inc.**

Bel-Art Products Subsidiary  
6 Industrial Road

Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993  
(201) 628-7600, ext. 9  
FAX: (201) 305-0841  
E-mail: custservice@maddak.com  
URL: <http://www.maddak.com>  
or <http://www.ableware.com>

### **Massachusetts Association for the Blind The Store**

200 Ivy Street  
Brookline, MA 02146  
(800) 682-9200 or (617) 738-5110

### **Maxi-Aids**

42 Executive Boulevard  
P.O. Box 3209  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(800) 522-6294 or (516) 752-0521  
FAX: (516) 752-0689  
E-mail: sales@maxiaids.com  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>

### **Mid-Michigan Center for the Blind**

3200 South Pennsylvania Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48910  
(517) 887-6646

### **National Federation of the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
FAX: (410) 685-5653

### **Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

214 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 431-1481

### **Science Products**

P.O. Box 888  
Southeastern, PA 19399  
(800) 888-7400 or (800) 888-7401  
FAX: (610) 296-0488

**Visionics Corporation Inc.**

1000 Boone Avenue North  
Suite 600  
Minneapolis, MN 55427  
(800) 507-4448 or (612) 544-4950  
FAX: (612) 544-4784  
E-mail: [insight@visionics.com](mailto:insight@visionics.com)  
URL: <http://www.visionics.com>

## ◆ *Household, Personal, and Independent Living Products*

Includes such products as kitchen utensils and measuring devices; canes; talking clocks, scales, and calculators; games and toys; and braille watches.

**Adaptive Living Institute**

P.O. Box 57640  
Tucson, AZ 85732  
(520) 884-4229  
FAX: (602) 745-9749

**Ann Morris Enterprises Inc.**

890 Fams Court  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 292-9232 or (800) 454-3175  
FAX: (516) 292-2522  
E-mail: [annmor@netcom.com](mailto:annmor@netcom.com)

**Autofold, Inc.**

208 Coleman Street Extension  
Gardner, MA 01440-1063  
(508) 632-0667

**Braille Greeting Cards**

246 Dale Avenue  
Mansfield, OH 44902  
(419) 522-5708

**Fotofonics**

315 Larkspur Turn

Peachtree City, GA 30269  
(770) 487-5854

**Gladys Loeb Foundation**

2002 Forest Hill Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20903-1532  
(301) 434-7748

**Howe Press of Perkins School  
for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street  
Watertown, MA 02172  
(617) 924-3490  
FAX: (617) 926-2027

**Innovative Rehabilitation  
Technology**

1411 West El Camino Real  
Mt. View, CA 94040  
(415) 961-3161 (as of 8/1/97 area  
code 415 becomes 650)

**Kentucky Industries for the  
Blind**

1900 Brownsboro Road  
Louisville, KY 40206-2199  
(502) 893-0211

**The Lighthouse Inc.  
Lighthouse Enterprises**

36-20 Northern Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(800) 829-0500  
FAX: (718) 786-5620

**LS&S Group, Inc.**

P.O. Box 673  
Northbrook, IL 60065  
(800) 468-4789 or (847) 498-9777  
FAX: (847) 498-1482  
E-mail: [lsgroup@aol.com](mailto:lsgroup@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.lssgroup.com>

**Lucent/ACPC**

14250 Clayton Road  
Town and Country, MO 63017  
(800) 233-1222  
FAX: (314) 891-7896

**Maddak, Inc.**

Bel-Art Products Subsidiary  
6 Industrial Road  
Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993  
(201) 628-7600, ext. 9  
FAX: (201) 305-0841  
E-mail: [cservice@maddak.com](mailto:cservice@maddak.com)  
URL: <http://www.maddak.com>  
or <http://www.ableware.com>

**Massachusetts Association for  
the Blind  
The Store**

200 Ivy Street  
Brookline, MA 02146  
(800) 682-9200 or (617) 738-5110  
FAX: (617) 738-1247

**Mattel Consumer Affairs  
Mattel Toys**

333 Continental Boulevard  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
(310) 252-2000

**Maxi-Aids**

42 Executive Boulevard  
P.O. Box 3209  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(800) 522-6294 or (516) 752-0521  
FAX: (516) 752-0689  
E-mail: [sales@maxiaids.com](mailto:sales@maxiaids.com)  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>

**Mid-Michigan Center for the  
Blind**

3200 South Pennsylvania Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48910  
(517) 887-6646

**National Association for Visually  
Handicapped**

22 West 21st Street  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 889-3141 or (415) 221-3201

**National Federation of the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street



Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
FAX: (410) 685-5653

**Nurion Industries**

Station Square  
Building 2  
Paoli, PA 19301  
(610) 640-2345

**Phillip Barton Vision Systems**

3911 York Lane  
Bowie, MD 20715  
(301) 262-3665

**Precision Grinding & Manufacturing**

8019 Flood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21222  
(410) 285-1135

**Prophecy Designs**

P.O. Box 84  
Round Pond, MA 04564  
(207) 529-5318  
FAX: (207) 529-6418

**Rainshine Company**

2017 1/2 Corscot Court  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 249-8231

**Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

214 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 431-1481

**Rubbermaid Health Care Products**

3124 Valley Avenue  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(800) 526-8051  
FAX: (800) 775-6303

**Sears, Roebuck and Company New Account Center**

3000-A North Mall Road

Knoxville, TN 37924  
(800) 323-3274 or (423) 521-3700

**Spectrum, The Lighthouse Store**

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9384  
FAX: (212) 821-9707

**Technology for Independence**

529 Main Street  
Boston, MA 02129  
(617) 242-7007  
FAX: (617) 242-2007

**Whirlpool Corporation Appliance Information Services**

2303 Pipestone Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(800) 253-1301 or (800) 632-2243

**White Cane Institute for the Blind**

Route 3, Box 89A  
Jenkins, MO 65605  
(417) 574-6368

**Wildlife Materials, Inc.**

1031 Autumn Ridge Road  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-6330

◆ **Low Vision**

Includes such products as magnifiers, loupes, lamps, and closed-circuit televisions; encompasses optical and nonoptical devices, both electronic and nonelectronic.

**4X Products, Inc**

P.O. Box 555  
Millwood, NY 10546  
(914) 762-3555  
FAX: (914) 944-0605

**Audio Visual Marts**

P.O. Box 23020  
Harahan, LA 70183  
(800) 737-6278 or (504) 733-1500

**Automagic Corporation**

195 South Beverly Drive  
Suite 406  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
(310) 552-2101 or (310) 552-1412  
FAX: (310) 275-1550

**Bausch & Lomb Company**

1 Bausch & Lomb Place  
Rochester, NY 14604  
(800) 344-8815 or (716) 338-6000

**Bernell Corporation**

750 Lincolnway East  
P.O. Box 4637  
South Bend, IN 46634-4637  
(219) 234-3200 or (800) 348-2225  
FAX: (219) 233-8422

**Big Eye Lamps, Inc.**

133 Yellowbrook Road  
Farmingdale, NJ 07727  
(908) 938-2490 or (800) 242-8311  
FAX: (908) 938-5921 or Toll-free (888) 424-4393

**Bossert Specialties, Inc. Magnification Center**

3620 East Thomas Road, D-124  
Phoenix, AZ 85018  
(602) 956-6637 or (800) 776-5885  
FAX: (602) 965-1008

**Celexx Trading Company, Inc.**

2535 Seminole  
Detroit, MI 48214  
(800) 886-3259  
FAX: (309) 827-5450

**Charles Nusinov and Sons, Inc.**

8720 Satyr Hill Road  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
(410) 661-5050  
FAX: (410) 882-8883

**Coburn Optical Industries, Inc.**

4606 South Garnett Road  
Suite 200  
Tulsa, OK 74146  
(800) 262-8761 or (918) 665-1815  
FAX: (918) 665-1821

**Contact East, Inc.**

335 Willow Street, South  
North Andover, MA 01845  
(508) 682-2000  
FAX: (508) 688-7829  
URL: <http://www.contacteast.com>

**Dazor Manufacturing Corporation**

4483 Duncan Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(800) 345-9103 or (314) 652-2400  
FAX: (314) 652-2069  
URL: <http://www.dazor.com>

**Deluxe Check Printers, Inc.**

1020 West County Road F  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
(800) 328-9546 or (612) 483-7200  
FAX: (612) 787-1614

**Designs for Vision, Inc.**

760 Koehler Avenue  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779  
(800) 345-4009 or (516) 585-3300  
FAX: (516) 585-3404

**Electronic Visual Aid Specialists**

P.O. Box 371  
Westerly, RI 02891  
(800) 872-3827 or (401) 596-3155  
FAX: (401) 596-3979  
URL: <http://www.evas.com>

**Eschenbach Optik of America**

904 Ethan Allen Highway  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
(203) 438-7471  
FAX: (203) 438-1670  
URL: <http://www.eschenbach.com>

**Exceptional Teaching Aids**

20102 Woodbine Avenue  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
(510) 582-4859 or (800) 549-6999  
FAX: (510) 582-5911

**Fishburne Enterprises**

140 East Stetson Avenue  
#319  
Hemet, CA 92543  
(909) 765-9276  
FAX: (909) 766-0843

**Florida New Concepts Marketing**

P.O. Box 261  
Port Richey, FL 34673-0261  
(800) 456-7097 or (813) 842-3231  
FAX: (813) 845-7544  
URL: <http://gulfaide.com/compulenz>

**Fred Sammons, Inc.**

P.O. Box 5071  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
(800) 323-5547  
FAX: (800) 547-4333  
URL: <http://www.samonspreston.com>

**General Electric**

G.E. Appliance Park  
Building 6  
Room 106  
Louisville, KY 40225  
(502) 452-4311 or (502) 452-5691  
FAX: (502) 452-0213

**Gladys Loeb Foundation**

2002 Forest Hill Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20903-1532  
(301) 434-7748

**Hexagon Products**

P.O. Box 1295

Park Ridge, IL 60068-7295  
(847) 692-3355  
E-mail: [76064.1776@compuserve.com](mailto:76064.1776@compuserve.com)  
URL: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/hexagon>

**Honeywell Residential Controls**

1985 Douglas Drive, North  
Golden Valley, MN 55422-3992  
(612) 951-1000

**HumanWare, Inc.**

6245 King Road  
Loomis, CA 95650  
(800) 722-3393 or (916) 652-7253  
FAX: (916) 652-7296  
E-mail: [info@humanware.com](mailto:info@humanware.com)  
URL: <http://www.humanware.com>

**Innoventions, Inc.**

5921 S. Middlefield Road, Suite 102  
Littleton, CO 80123-2877  
(800) 854-6554 or (303) 797-6554  
FAX: (303) 727-4940  
E-mail: [magnicam@magnicam.com](mailto:magnicam@magnicam.com)  
URL: <http://www.magnicam.com/magnicam>

**Jesana Ltd.**

979 Saw Mill River Road  
Yonkers, NY 10710  
(800) 443-4728  
FAX: (914) 376-0021

**J P Trading, Inc.**

300 Industrial Way  
Brisbane, CA 94005  
(415) 468-0775  
FAX: (415) 469-8038  
E-mail: [jptusa@a.crl.com](mailto:jptusa@a.crl.com)

**Keeler Instruments, Inc.**

456 Parkway



Broomall, PA 19008  
(800) 523-5620 or (610) 353-4350  
FAX: (610) 353-7814

**The Lighthouse Inc.**  
**Lighthouse Enterprises**  
36-20 Northern Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(800) 829-0500  
FAX: (718) 786-0437

**LS&S Group, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 673  
Northbrook, IL 60065  
(800) 468-4789 or (847) 498-9777  
FAX: (847) 498-1482  
E-mail: lsgrp@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.lssgroup.com>

**Luxo Corporation**  
36 Midland Avenue  
P.O. Box 951  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
(914) 937-4433 or (800) 222-5896

**Magnisight**  
P.O. Box 2653  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901  
(800) 753-4767  
FAX: (719) 578-9887

**Maitland Vision Center**  
600 South Orlando Avenue  
Suite 300  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 628-3133  
FAX: (407) 628-1216

**Massachusetts Association for  
the Blind**  
**The Store**  
200 Ivy Street  
Brookline, MA 02146  
(800) 682-9200 or (617) 738-5110

**Mattingly International, Inc.**  
938-K Andreason Drive

Escondido, CA 92029  
(800) 826-4200  
FAX: (800) 368-4111

**Maxi-Aids**  
42 Executive Boulevard  
P.O. Box 3209  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(800) 522-6294 or (516) 752-0521  
FAX: (516) 752-0689  
E-mail: sales@maxiaids.com  
URL: <http://www.lighthouse.org>

**McLeod Optical, Inc.**  
100 Jefferson Park Road  
Warwick, RI 02888  
(401) 467-3000

**Mons International**  
6595 Roswell Road  
#224  
Atlanta, GA 30328  
(800) 541-7903 or (770) 551-8455  
FAX: (770) 551-8460  
URL: <http://www.negia.net>

**M-Tech Optics Corporation**  
P.O. Box 12110  
Birmingham, MI 48012  
(313) 531-3577

**National Association for Visually  
Handicapped**  
22 West 21st Street  
New York, NY 10010  
(212) 889-3141 or (415) 221-3201

**National Federation of the Blind**  
1800 Johnson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
FAX: (410) 685-5653

**National Pen Corporation**  
342 Shelbyville Mills Road  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(800) 854-1000 or (800) 347-7367

**New Concepts Marketing, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 261  
Port Richey, FL 34673-0261  
(813) 842-3231

**Ocutech, Inc.**  
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URL: <http://www.screenaccess.com>

**Mirage Multimedia Systems, Inc.**

4286 Lincoln Boulevard  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
(800) 228-3349 or (310) 649-9199  
FAX: (310) 649-9177

**Myna Corporation**

239 Western Avenue  
Essex, MA 01929  
(800) 370-6962 or (508) 768-9000  
FAX: (508) 768-9911  
E-mail: [mynacorporation@aol.com](mailto:mynacorporation@aol.com)

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Suite 100  
Addison, IL 60101  
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**Optelec**

4 Lyberty Way  
Westford, MA 01886  
(508) 392-0707 or (800) 828-1056  
FAX: (508) 692-6073  
E-mail: [optelec@optelec.com](mailto:optelec@optelec.com)  
URL: <http://www.optelec.com>

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Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
(408) 730-9291

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3911 York Lane  
Bowie, MD 20715  
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**Productivity Software  
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211 East 43rd Street  
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Trenton, NJ 08618  
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URL: <http://www.prodworks.com>

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FAX: (608) 257-4143  
URL: <http://www.well.com/www/dnavy>

**R.C. Systems, Inc.**

1609 England Avenue  
Everett, WA 98203  
(206) 355-3800

**Replogle Globes, Inc.**

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(708) 343-0900 or (708) 343-0923

**Roundley Associates**

P.O. Box 608  
Owings Mills, MD 21117  
(800) 333-7049

**Royal Data Systems  
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413 Highridge Drive  
Morganton, NC 28655  
(704) 433-5909

**Scholastic, Inc.**

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Farmingdale, NY 11735  
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**SkiSoft, Inc.**

1644 Massachusetts Avenue  
Suite 79  
Lexington, MA 02173  
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6160 Summit Drive  
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(612) 569-1500

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8136 Appoline  
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(313) 935-1266  
E-mail: [leeghume@aol.com](mailto:leeghume@aol.com)

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140 Little Falls Street  
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12 Riverside Street  
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**Tandy/Radio Shack**

1800 One Tandy Center  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
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**Technologies for the Visually Impaired, Inc.**

9 Nolan Court  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
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**TeleSensory Corporation**

455 North Bernardo  
P.O. Box 7455  
Mountain View, CA 94039-7455  
(800) 286-8484  
FAX: (415) 969-9064 (as of 8/1/97  
area code 415 becomes 650)  
URL: <http://www.telesensory.com>

**Texas Instruments**

P.O. Box 53  
Lubbock, TX 79408  
(800) 842-2737

**T.F.I. Engineering, Inc.**

529 Main Street  
Boston, MA 02129  
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**Traxler Enterprises**

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Santa Clara, CA 95050  
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FAX: (502) 895-1509

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FAX: (213) 728-8877

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(800) 722-3393 or (916) 652-7253  
FAX: (916) 652-7296  
E-mail: [info@humanware.com](mailto:info@humanware.com)  
URL: <http://www.humanware.com>

**Learning Express**  
8029 Danwood  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
(501) 565-8208

**Mattel Consumer Affairs  
Mattel Toys**  
333 Continental Boulevard  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
(310) 252-2000

**Mid-Michigan Center for the  
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3200 South Pennsylvania Avenue

Lansing, MI 48910  
(517) 887-6646

**National Federation of the Blind**  
1800 Johnson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
FAX: (410) 685-5653

**Rose Resnick Lighthouse for  
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214 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 431-1481

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9115 Hague Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46250-0100  
(800) 858-8072

**Conney Safety Products**  
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**Home Diagnostics, Inc.**  
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**Independent Living Aids, Inc.**  
27 East Mall  
Plainview, NY 11803  
(800) 537-2118 or (516) 752-8080

**LS&S Group, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 673  
Northbrook, IL 60065  
(800) 468-4789 or (847) 498-9777  
FAX: (847) 498-1482  
E-mail: [lsgrp@aol.com](mailto:lsgrp@aol.com)  
URL: <http://lssgroup.com>

**Medical Monitoring System, Inc.**  
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Madison, WI 53704  
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Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314  
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**Palco Labs**  
830 Soquel Avenue



Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
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One Canon Plaza  
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Building 115  
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Wauconda, IL 60084  
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E-mail: djde@aol.com

**Dunamis, Inc.**

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Princeton, NJ 08540  
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**Helen Keller National Center for  
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111 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050  
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**Hitec Special Needs Center**

8160 Madison  
Burr Ridge, IL 60521  
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URL: <http://www.hitec.com>

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Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 382-5959  
FAX: (415) 382-5950  
E-mail: [info@intellitools.com](mailto:info@intellitools.com)  
URL: <http://www.intellitools.com>

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Town and Country, MO 63017  
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Mentor, OH 44060  
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Pequannock, NJ 07440-1993  
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FAX: (201) 305-0841  
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URL: <http://www.maddak.com>

**National Catalog House of the Deaf**

4300 North Kilpatrick Avenue  
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(312) 283-2907

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Systems**

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(704) 433-5909

**Science Applications  
International Corporation**

200 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Suite 400  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(301) 266-0994 or (301) 261-8424

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(313) 656-3110

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(800) 842-2737

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40015 Sierra Highway  
Building B-145  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
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**Zygo Industries, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1008  
Portland, OR 97207  
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**AccuBraille**

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San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 863-8450  
FAX: (415) 863-9659

**Advance Corporation**

327 East York Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(612) 771-9297

**Advantage Metal Systems, Inc.**

685 Oak Street, #13-1  
Brockton, MA 02401  
(617) 297-7117  
FAX: (617) 344-0912

**American Olean Tile Company**

1000 Cannon Avenue  
P.O. Box 271  
Lansdale, PA 19446-0271  
(215) 855-1111  
FAX: (215) 362-6050

**Balcon, Inc.**

2630 Conway Road  
P.O. Box 3388  
Crofton, MD 21114  
(410) 721-1900 or (410) 793-0657

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New Rochelle, NY 10801-6024  
(800) 321-7870 or (914) 636-1000  
FAX: (914) 636-1282

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Suite 200  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
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FAX: (717) 842-6039

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(612) 483-4600

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(205) 324-8624  
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See Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired in U.S. national listings.

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FAX: (503) 581-0178  
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### **Christian Blind Mission International**

P.O. Box 800  
Stouffville, ON L4A 7Z9  
(905) 640-6464, ext. 230  
FAX: (905) 640-4332  
E-mail: 10200.3725@compusgrve.com

**County/District Where Located:**  
Ontario.

**Mission:** Provides Christian tapes to people in Canada.

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5354 Boy Scout Road  
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William B. Schalk, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
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### **Christian Record Services**

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Suite 119  
Oshawa, ON L1H 8N9  
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Cleveland, OH 44106  
(216) 791-8118  
FAX: (216) 791-1101  
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(604) 822-6111  
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E-mail: crane@unixg.ubc.ca  
URL: <http://www.library.ubc.ca>  
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**Area Served:** Local, national and international.

**Groups Served:** Blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and print disabled persons requiring alternatives to print.

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**Media Formats:** Braille, talking books, large-type, computer disks, regular print.

**Title Listings:** Approximately 60,000 titles.

Contract braille and audio book production; inter-library/agency resource sharing; technology training; academic support services; coping techniques for vision and print impaired students; liaison with instructors, employers; reference collection in braille, audiobook and large print;

### **Eyes of Faith Ministries**

P.O. Box 743336

Dallas, TX 75374-3336

(214) 669-1103

Gayle Gould, Administrator and Braille Coordinator

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P.O. Box 62

Delray Beach, FL 33447

(407) 274-9700

Rev. Ralph Montanus, Jr.,  
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(514) 463-1710

FAX: (514) 463-0243

E-mail: phbuteau@login.net

Paul-Henri Buteau, Coordinateur

**Area Served:** Canada and USA.

**Groups Served:** All ages, French speaking.

**Types/Content:** Textbooks, cultural materials, general information documents, adapted materials.

**Media Formats:** Hard copy (braille), thermoform, tactile material.

**Title Listings:** More than 400 titles.

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1929 Bayview Avenue

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(416) 480-7520

FAX: (416) 480-7700

Rosemary Kavanagh, Executive Director

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**Type of Agency:** Non-profit.

**Mission:** To ensure that blind and print disabled Canadians have equitable access to information, culture, education, and life-long learning.

**Funded by:** Donations; reader assessment fee charged to geographic divisions of CNIB; sales; and fees for service.

**Budget:** \$5 million.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Staff:** 82 and 500 volunteers.

**History/Date:** Founded in 1906.

**Number of Clients Served:** More than 17,000 registered users; more than 400 agencies.

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### **Lutheran Library for the Blind**

1333 South Kirkwood Road

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Lynne Borchelt, Assistant

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Pacific Grove, CA 93950

(408) 372-2944

Margaret Parenti, Coordinator

### **County/District Where Located:**

Monterey County.

See Monterey County Braille Transcribers in U.S. national listings.



**Multi-Lingual Braille and Large Print Association**

146 Colborne Street  
 Brantford, ON N3T 2G6  
 (519) 758-8509  
 FAX: (519) 753-8397  
 URL: <http://gwdgraphics.com/braille>  
 Janice Buckley, CEO

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Brant County.

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** Adults and children.

**Types/Content:** All types.

**Media Formats:** Braille and large print.

**National Braille Association**

Three Townline Circle  
 Rochester, NY 14623-2513  
 (716) 427-8260  
 FAX: (716) 427-0263  
 Angela Coffaro, Executive Director

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Monroe County.

See National Braille Association in U.S. national listings.

**National Braille Press**

88 St. Stephen Street  
 Boston, MA 02115  
 (617) 266-6160 or (800) 548-7323  
 E-mail: [orders@nbp.org](mailto:orders@nbp.org)

See National Braille Press in U.S. national listings.

**PAL Reading Services**

252 Bloor Street West  
 Suite 5-105  
 Toronto, ON M5S 1V5  
 (416) 960-1177  
 E-mail: [pal.radio@utoronto.ca](mailto:pal.radio@utoronto.ca)  
 Valerie Veinotte, Coordinator

**Area Served:** Canada.

**Groups Served:** Persons who are print handicapped: blind, low vision, learning disabled.

**Media Formats:** 2-track and 4-track audio cassette; computer disk from scanned material.

**People Helping People**

151 Colborne Street  
 Brantford, ON N3T 2G7  
 (519) 753-1362  
 Claire Jesney, General Manager

**Area Served:** Unlimited.

**Groups Served:** Adults and children.

**Types/Content:** All types.

**Media Formats:** Talking books.

**Prose & Cons Braille Unit**

P.O. Box 2500  
 Lincoln, NE 68542-2500  
 (402) 471-3161, ext. 3373  
 FAX: (402) 471-3472  
 Dominic Inzodda, Shop Operator

**County/District Where Located:**  
 Lancaster County.

See Prose & Cons Braille Unit in U.S. national listings.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

20 Roszel Road  
 Princeton, NJ 08540  
 (609) 452-0606 or (800) 221-4792  
 FAX: (609) 987-8116  
 E-mail: [info@rfbid.org](mailto:info@rfbid.org)  
 URL: <http://http://www.rfbid.org>  
 Ritchie L. Geisel, President and CEO

See Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in U.S. national listings.

**VoicePrint****The National Broadcast Reading Service, Inc.**

150 Laird Drive Annex  
 Toronto, ON M4G 3V7  
 (416) 422-4222  
 FAX: (416) 422-5430  
 E-mail: [nbrs@idirect.com](mailto:nbrs@idirect.com)  
 Heather Lusignan, Director

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours per day.

**History/Date:** Est. 1990.

**Area Served:** Broadcast via cable-TV to 5 million homes across Canada.

Broadcasts published news in audio format.

**Volunteers of Vacaville**

P.O. Box 670  
 Vacaville, CA 95696  
 (707) 448-6841  
 Steve Norris, Coordinator

See Volunteers of Vacaville in U.S. national listings.

**Volunteer Transcribing Services**

205 East Third Avenue  
 Suite 200  
 San Mateo, CA 94401  
 (415) 344-8664  
 Alanah Hoffman, Director

See Volunteer Transcribing Services in U.S. national listings.

**Xavier Society for the Blind**

154 East 23rd Street  
 New York, NY 10010  
 (212) 473-7800 or (800) 945-5565  
 FAX: (212) 888-4183  
 Rev. Alfred Caruana, S. J., Director

See Xavier Society for the Blind in U.S. national listings.

**◆ Audiodescription Services****Audio Vision Canada****The National Broadcast Reading Service, Inc.**

150 Laird Drive Annex

Toronto, ON M4G 3V7  
(416) 422-4222  
FAX: (416) 422-1633  
E-mail: nbrs@idirect.com  
Marc Rosen, Director

**Type of Agency:** Audio  
description center.

**Hours of Operation:** Mon.-Fri.  
9:00AM-5:00PM.

**History/Date:** Est. 1995.



# SOURCES OF PRODUCTS

## ♦ *Mail Order, Catalogs, and Distributors*

Includes organizations and companies that carry a wide variety of products, including independent living, health care, and recreation products; low vision devices; and communication aids. Products can usually be ordered by catalog, which can be obtained from the individual companies listed.

### **Microcomputer Science Centre, Inc.**

88 General Road  
Unit 6  
Mississauga, ON L4W 1Z8  
(905) 629-1654  
FAX: (905) 629-2321  
E-mail: [microsci@ican.net](mailto:microsci@ican.net)  
URL: <http://home.ican.net/~microsci>

## ♦ *Household, Personal, and Independent Living Products*

Includes such products as kitchen utensils and measuring devices; canes; talking clocks, scales, and calculators; games and toys; and braille watches.

**AmbuTech**

### **Melet Plastics, Inc.**

34 DeBaets Street  
Winnipeg, ON R2J 3S9  
(204) 663-3340  
FAX: (204) 663-9345

### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

1929 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto, ON M4G 3E8  
(416) 480-7594

## ♦ *Low Vision*

Includes such products as magnifiers, loupes, lamps, and closed-circuit televisions; encompasses optical and nonoptical devices, both electronic and nonelectronic.

### **Acrontech**

2 Thorncliffe Park Drive  
Unit 32  
Toronto, ON M4H 1H2  
(416) 467-6800  
FAX: (416) 467-1994  
E-mail: [info@acrontech.com](mailto:info@acrontech.com)  
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URL: <http://home.ican.net/~microsci>

### **Octopus Audio Visual**

P.O. Box 1120  
Berry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0  
(613) 756-3938  
FAX: (613) 756-2560

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Includes adaptive equipment such as laptop computers, braille displays, key caps, braille embossers, and optical character recognition systems.

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FAX: (416) 467-1994  
E-mail: [info@acrontech.com](mailto:info@acrontech.com)  
URL: <http://www.acrontech.com>

### **Betacom Group Montreal Betacom**

2670 Sabourin  
St. Laurent, PQ H4S 1M2  
(514) 332-7000  
FAX: (514) 332-7500

### **Betacom Group Toronto Betacom**

2999 King Street West  
Inglewood, ON L0N 1K0  
(905) 838-1411  
FAX: (905) 838-1487  
E-mail: [peter@betacom.com](mailto:peter@betacom.com)  
URL: <http://www.betacom.com>

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### **Frontier Computing**

250 Davisville Avenue  
Suite 205  
Toronto, ON M4S 1H2  
(416) 489-6690  
FAX: (416) 489-6693

**IBM****Special Needs Department**

105 Moatfield  
North York, ON M3B 3R1  
(800) 426-4968 or (416) 383-5003  
URL: <http://www.can.ibm.com/specialneeds>

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URL: <http://home.ican.net/~microsci>

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(613) 756-3938  
FAX: (613) 756-2560

**Syntha-Voice Computers, Inc.**

800 Queenstone Road  
Suite 304  
Stony Creek, ON L8G 1A7  
(800) 263-4540 or (905) 662-0565 or  
BBS (905) 662-0569  
FAX: (905) 662-0568

**Visualaide, Inc.**

841 Jean-Paul-Vincent Boulevard  
Longueuil, PQ J4G 1R3  
(514) 463-1717  
FAX: (514) 463-0243

**◆ Computer Software**

Includes adaptive software such as large-print and synthetic-speech programs, braille translation software, and educational software and computer tutorial programs.

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FAX: (514) 332-7500

**Betacom Group****Toronto Betacom**

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URL: <http://home.ican.net/~microsci>

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Stony Creek, ON L8G 1A7  
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BBS (905) 662-0569  
FAX: (905) 662-0568

**◆ Braille and Other Literacy Materials**

Includes such products as slates and styli, braille computer paper and other braille accessories, braille typewriters, and tactile materials and kits.

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**◆ Products for Deaf-Blind/ Multiply Disabled Persons**

Includes such products as vibratory alert systems and amplification and communication systems.

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